

September 2, 2018

Bayswater-Summerville United 9:30 AM

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Westfield United 11:00 AM

TWO RIVERS PASTORAL CHARGE
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Two Rivers Pastoral Charge
An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

WE GATHER IN HOPE

Prelude

* indicates “to stand as able”

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Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

“As we gather to worship, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples – predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.”

Welcome **Bienvenue** **Kulaslhkul**

Life and Work of the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Music: *“Spirit of Life”*

Voices United 381

*Spirit of Life, come unto me,
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

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Worship Resources:

Sung Benediction: *Go Now In Peace.* Reproduced with permission under Licensing #605755
Spirit of Life, Carolyn McDade Harmony; For The Fruit of All Creation, Hope Publishing

Readers:

Debbie Touchie (BW-SV); Mariann Gillan (W)

Greeters/Offering:

*Robert, Billy & Harrison Gamble (BW-SV);
Linda McCullough (W)*

Lectionary Reading for September 8th

Jeremiah 18: 1-11 or Deuteronomy 30 : 15-20; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
or Psalm 1; Philemon 1: 1—21; Luke 14: 25-33

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH

Portland United Church is currently looking for an Administrative Support Person to fill a 10 month contract position. For further information please see the poster on the Bulletin Board.

Sunday, September 16th, 11:00 am, Annual Joint Pastoral Charge Worship by the River at Sherwood Cottage, 100 Admiral Lane, Long Reach (as sign will be posted at the top of Admiral Lane). **Pot Luck!** Please bring a plate and utensils, a lawn chair and something to share for lunch.

Universal Portrait Studio will be at Westfield United on **September 27, 28 & 29th** to photograph for our Pastoral Charge Directory. Please look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary. If you miss the sheet sign-up, your Elder will contact you to set up an appointment.

The Saint John Men's Chorus was founded by David Mitchell in 2004. This September, Stephen Alexander will be its new Musical Director. The Chorus sings a wide variety of musical works for four part men's voices and has a membership of approximately 25 men, ranging in age from 16 to over 80. New members are always welcome. Contact sjmenschorus@gmail.com for more information.

The Church of St. Andrew & St. David invite you to 164 Germain St (please use side entrance), on **Saturday, September 8**, for our monthly **breakfast and bake sale from 9:00 – 12:00**. Menu includes Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Ham, Apple Bakes Sausage, Toast, Homemade Preserves, Tea, Coffee and Juice. Adults \$10.00, Children (under 10) \$4.00, Family of 4 \$25.00. Take-out available.

Call to Worship:

God be with you.

and also with you.

In our words and in our songs,

we worship God.

In our prayers and in our silences,

we worship God.

In our living and in our loving,

we worship God.

In every minute of every day,

we worship God.

May our lives be a song of praise to God!

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

God of every time and every place,

blow through our worship this morning.

Transform our hearts and our lives

so that what we do together

is more than just empty words.

Change our hearts and our lives

so that we can leave this worship

refreshed and renewed

and equipped to be your people in the world.

We pray this in the name

of the one in whose name we are called. Amen

***Opening Hymn: "When I Needed a Neighbour"**

Voices United 600

Prayer of Awareness: (in unison)

Holy and loving God,

the apostle James tells us

that we shouldn't just be "hearers of the Word"

we must also be "doers of the Word."

Open our hearts,

and help us to see the times

when we haven't lived in to

who you call us to be,

and what you call us to do.

**Blow your Holy Spirit through our lives,
helping us to turn away from apathy and inertia,
and giving us the strength and the courage
to do what you call us to do. Amen**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN WITH HOPE

A Story for All Ages

Scripture Readings: *James 1: 22-25*
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-23

Reader: *This is the witness of God's people.*

Musical Selection

Reflection

***Hymn:** *"There's a Spirit in the Air"* *Voices United 582*

WE RESPOND IN HOPE

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* *Voices United 227,v2*
*In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

Offertory Prayer: *(in unison)*
**God of all creation,
we present this offering,
and we also offer ourselves
all that we have,
all that we are,
and all that we do.
Take what we offer,
and make what we offer
acceptable in your sight.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our teacher,
our brother,
and our savior. Amen**

WE SCATTER IN HOPE

***Closing Hymn:** *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* *Voices United 506*

Commissioning and Benediction

Sending Forth: *"Go Now In Peace"*
*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe,
reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen*