

September 23, 2018
Long Reach United 9:30 AM

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Westfield United 11:00 AM

TWO RIVERS PASTORAL CHARGE
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An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Rev. Kate's Hours

Tuesday 9:30 – Noon - Bayswater-Summerville United
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Or by appointment.

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Readers: Richard Fullerton (LR)
Cindy Patstone (W)
Greeters/Offering: Richard & Shirley Fullerton (LR)
Julie & Nelson Fowler (W)

Lectionary Reading for September 30th

Ester 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22; Palm 124; Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19: 7-14; James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

WE GATHER IN HOPE

Prelude

* indicates “to stand as able”
Response printed in **bold**; **yellow** on screen

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 Kulashkul

Life and Work of the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Music: “We Are One” *Voices United* 402 v.1

We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there’s a sense that God is here.
We are one as we sing
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God’s grace
as we meet, together in this place.

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH

The Covenanting Service for Rev. Kate will be held on **Sunday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM, at Westfield United Church.** All are invited to attend. Saint John Presbytery will also be in attendance. This is an important part of our Ministry with Rev. Kate, so please plan on attending. A light luncheon will follow.

UCW will meet in the church parlour on **Wednesday, September 26th at 7:30 PM.** All ladies welcome.

Universal Portrait Studio will be at Westfield United on **September 27, 28 & 29th** to photograph for our Pastoral Charge Directory. If you have not signed up, your Elder will be contacting you to set up an appointment.

Tickets for the **Tracy Friars & Family Celebrate Show** at the Imperial Theatre on November 26th, go on sale **Monday, September 17th.** Tickets are available at the Box Office at 10 AM and by phone/online starting at 11 AM. Tickets are \$20 with a limit of 10 per person. Proceeds from this show will support the 5 Priority Neighbourhoods and the establishment of a permanent endowment fund through Greater Saint John Community Foundation, the Friars Family “Celebrate” fund.

Old Fashion Supper, Saturday, October 27th, at 5:00 PM, Trinity Parish Hall, Kingston. Adults \$12, Youth under 12, \$10. See details on the bulletin board. Phone 763-3183 or email parishofkingston@gmail.com.

KV Memory Café Welcome back to this free-of-charge program of the Alzheimer’s Society. Our goal is to provide education, support, conversation and refreshment in an accessible, safe and inclusive environment. The **KV Memory Café is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from September to May.** Please join us on Sunday, September 9 from 2-4 PM at our new location **Shannex.**

“Answering God’s Call – Serving in the DR” Come out on Friday, September 28th from 7-9 PM for a fundraiser for missionary Jillian Howarth at the Church of St. Andrew & St. David. Desserts, silent auction and a presentation.

Call to Worship:

God be with you.

And also with you.

Some of us come in joy -

We come to worship God.

Some of us come carrying sorrows -

We come to worship God.

Some of us come with questions -

We come to worship God.

Some of us come seeking hope -

We come to worship God.

Some of us come craving peace –

We come to worship God.

We gather together from our many places,
to worship God with our songs,
to worship God with our words,
to worship God with our silences,
to worship God with the prayers of our hearts.
We come to worship God.

Opening Prayer:

**Holy Three-in-One,
move through our worship today.
Show us the holiness of your Creator-self;
Inspire us by the words and actions of your Child-self;
Draw us together by your Holy-Spirit-self.
Strengthen our faith,
so that we can trust in your topsy-turvy
vision for the world.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
your Word-Made-Flesh.**

Amen

*Opening Hymn: *“like a child”*

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WE RESPOND IN HOPE

Prayer of Awareness:

God of endless love,
open the eyes of our hearts.
Help us to see the times
when we have tried to put ourselves first,
and put others last.
Help us to see the times
when we have put our own comfort
ahead of the needs of others.
Help us to see the times
when we have reacted out of fear of scarcity,
rather than trusting in your abundance.
Blow your Holy Spirit through our hearts,
turning us back towards you. Amen

Moment for Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN WITH HOPE

A Story for All Ages

Scripture Readings: *James 3: 13-18*
Mark 9: 30-37

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

Reflection

*Hymn: *“I Saw the Rich Ones”*

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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

*Offering Hymn: *“In Gratitude and Humble Trust”*

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In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life’s way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life’s work is done.

Offertory Prayer:

**God of abundance –
we know that what we can offer
will never meet all of the needs in the world,
but we trust that with you,
there is always enough.**

**Accept our offering,
and transform it in to what the world needs;
and transform us, by our giving,
into the body of Christ.**

Amen

WE SCATTER IN HOPE

***Closing Hymn:** *“Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”*
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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*