



An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada



Welcome and Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of differing abilities, ethnicity, economic circumstances, sexual orientation, age, or gender. Many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore we stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.

Friends in Christ

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of **Margaret Christensen** and are placed there by her husband, **Clarence** and family.*

Prelude: *Allegretto (Spring, Four Seasons)*, Antonio Vivaldi

Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Sung Invocation: *Alleluia (Duncan)*

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Embracing Our Spirit

Opening Prayer:

Risen Christ who lives today,

live inside of me.

Risen Christ who serves today,

serve someone through me.

Risen Christ who teaches today,

teach your love to me.

Risen Christ who worships today,

let me praise your name. Amen

Processional Hymn: *Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold* **Voices United 605**

Coming Into God's Presence

Rev. Leigh Sinclair

God's Holy Word

Introit: *Siyahamba*, arr. Melissa Hladyshevsky

Choral Morphosis

Scripture:

Lynsae Moon

Acts 10:1-17, 34-35

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa. About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. ... Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

This is the witness of the Church.

Thanks be to God for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anthem: *Sifu Mungu*, Christopher New

(Text: Praise God.)

Choral Morphosis & Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Sermon: *Strange Co-Workers*

Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Hymn: *When A Poor One*

Voices United 702

Pastoral Prayers

Rev. Leigh Sinclair

The Lord's Prayer

(*Voices United* p. 921)

Grateful Response

Learnings from Leadership

Lisa Fairweather

Offering: *Living in a Holy City*, Stephen Hatfield

Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Offertory Hymn:

Voices United 168 v 4

**May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Recessional Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*

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Commissioning:

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them.

Jesus has compassion for all of us!

The crowds sought a vision of hope.

Jesus has a vision for all of us!

Go now and share this vision of Good News
with all!

We go to labour in the field of God – with love and joy!

Postlude: *Allegro (Spring, Four Seasons)*, Antonio Vivaldi

*Following worship, all are invited to the Memorial Hall
for fellowship, and refreshments.*

Music Notes

A warm welcome to Choral Morphosis today, and their director Melissa Hladyshevsky! This choir is supported by the Helen Mack outreach funds and the Robertson-Wesley Music Society, as well as private donors. They have about 40 people registered in the program, and their second program, Choral Arts is comprised of several people who also sing in Choral Morphosis, but who also work on solo singing, small ensembles and acting. They rehearse here at every Saturday.

This week, in our multi-cultural series, we have focused a bit on the music of the European composers – as a tie with the reading about Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort. The prelude and postlude are both from the Italian Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) – the two movements from the

Spring section of the violin concerto, The Four Seasons. Wishful thinking that perhaps soon it WILL be spring?

Christopher New is a minister at Southminster-Steinhauer United Church here in Edmonton, and he wrote this for a 50th anniversary of St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Edmonton where his parents worshipped. The text comes from a Swahili (Tanzanian) song of unity and praise, and speaks of those who walk with us on our journey – like those who went with Cornelius. The Stephen Hatfield piece has a similar tone – coming together to work for a Holy City. Both pieces also work well for Easter season – full of joyful Alleluias!

Cover Image

Cover image: This picture was taken at the Stewardship Carnival held September 2012 at Robertson-Wesley United Church and modified.

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R-W REPORT April 30, 2017
Robertson-Wesley United Church

A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE

Washrooms are located by the elevator.

Baby changing facilities are available in washrooms.

If you wish to use it, a children's activity centre is set up in the Chapel with nursing space in adjacent room (Millson Room).

Activity kits for children are available from the ushers.

Large print bulletins, large print hymnbooks,
and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Please do not leave valuables unattended anywhere in the church.

Next Week

May 7, 2016, 10:30 am

Communion

Minute for Mission

Scripture:

- Acts 13: 1-3, 14:8-18 Paul and Barnabas heal in Lystra

Sermon: *Is your faith ALIVE or idol/idle?*

We will hear today of a man whose faith was so alive it could be seen in his eyes. Can your faith be so easily seen? One way to be alive in faith is to work continuously cleansing our lives of idolatry and fear. Let us live up to the call of being disciples and as Paul declares: bring good news!

Music: Choir of Robertson-Wesley; Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

After Worship: All are invited to gather in the Memorial Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Communion Servers: Our next Communion, by Intinction, is

Sunday, May 7. Servers are needed for this Communion. If you are able to serve please sign up on the sheet in Memorial Hall.

Magic Pantry: R-W provides a free bag lunch from Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. This outreach program relies on volunteers to be available at the door from 12 pm to 1 pm with a bag lunch ready for people that come to the door. Sign-up sheet is posted in Memorial Hall.

Oliver Community Festival: We are looking for people to help organize events, and the site. See the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall for positions.

Staff

Rev. Karen Bridges will be on Study leave from April 27 – May 15, 2017 attending the Inspire Conference and Church Revitalization in Vancouver.

WANTED: FILING CABINETS

Looking for two filing cabinets, prefer one to be a lateral cabinet, but either style will do. We need them to have working locks with keys. Contact Brad at brad.campbell@rwuc.org, or see him in person on Sunday.

R-W News & Notes

BETWEEN THE AISLES

Submissions for the next issue of Between the Aisles, Robertson-Wesley's quarterly newsletter, are due on **Sunday, May 7**. They can be emailed to rwucnews@gmail.com. The preferred format is Word, but PDF is also acceptable. Please see the rwuc.org/publications.html page of the web site for more details on submissions.

RUN FOR MUSIC

Once again, members of our choir are participating in the Run for Music on Saturday, May 6 as Team Robertson-Wesley. The Run for Music is a fundraising project sponsored by Choir Alberta, with some of the funds raised going to support participating choirs. Our share goes to support music programs here at Robertson-Wesley such as Choral Morphosis. This is the last Sunday that we can accept pledges, but on-line donations can be made until the last minute at:

<http://raiseathon.ca/runformusic/profile/hcc4xgh> (Team Robertson-Wesley). A direct link is on our front page at rwuc.org.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

DVD SERIES: VIOLENCE DIVINE

Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of its non-Violent God is the latest in a series of DVD lectures by scholar Dominic Crossan. Jesus declared Peace, but we have misunderstood much of his message. Join facilitator Nancy Heule on **Monday evenings May 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7 pm in the Club Room** for viewing and discussion. Refreshments provided.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Tuesday, May 9

On Tuesday the group will watch a DVD of Tom Axworthy from the Epiphany Explorations in January. **All are welcome to attend.**

R-W WOMEN'S WEEKEND

R-W Women. If you're thinking that this is the year to attend the Fall Women's Weekend, these are the dates to hold: the weekend of

September 15-17. Strawberry Creek Lodge is booked and program planning is underway. For further information contact Jill Lambie or the church office.

MEDITATION GROUP

Every Sunday from 10 am to 10:25 am, Room 11

Meditation has been important in many spiritual traditions through the centuries. If you are a committed meditator or would like to learn how to meditate, come Sunday mornings **before the service at 10:00 am** for a group meditation session. See for yourself how this technique can improve your health - mind, body and soul.

GARDENING GIFT CARDS

Last May, our church raised almost \$500 from the sale of garden cards from Salisbury Greenhouse and Greenland Garden Centre. Salisbury Greenhouse is located at 52337 Range Rd 232, Sherwood Park, AB T8B 1B8 and Greenland Garden Centre is located at 23108 Hwy 16, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 4V2. The church must purchase lots of at least \$1,000 for each supplier, so we will pursue this only if we have enough orders. Similar to the grocery cards that we offer for sale, cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. However, due to the seasonality of these cards, we will only purchase these cards for distribution in early May. The church will receive 20% of the face value of the Salisbury cards and 10% of the face value of the Greenland cards. If you are interested, please place your order with the grocery card sales team in Memorial Hall after worship or email your name, phone number, and the number of cards you are interested in purchasing to accounting@rwuc.org . Once we meet minimum order you will be contacted and pre-payment (cheque or cash only) will be due by May 6th for a May 15th availability date. **Note that the cards may not be used toward landscaping services.** Thank-you for your support!

UPCOMING IMPROVEMENTS AT ROBERTSON-WESLEY

Two projects will be completed at Robertson-Wesley this year, likely by the end of July. Those projects are:

1. Replace the present elevator (No elevator June 5-July 31 worst case scenario, could be shorter)
2. Upgrade the basement washrooms to make them handicapped accessible. (June 22-July 31)

The Property Committee submitted grant applications and has received substantial funding from the federal and provincial governments toward these projects. Below is the summary:

Projects Cost

Elevator	\$55,090
Washrooms	\$51,775
TOTAL	\$106,865

Grants

Federal Government	\$36,681
Provincial Government	\$53,271
TOTAL	\$89,952
Robertson-Wesley Contribution	\$16,913

So the church is getting \$106,865 worth of work done for less than \$17,000. If you would like to make a donation to help offset these costs, it would be much appreciated. Any residual amount will come from the church reserve funds.

Bear with us during these renovations as the lack of an elevator will inconvenience some people. The east entrance with the ramp will be used by those who can't manage the stairs.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon May 01	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
	DVD Series– Club Room	7:00 pm
Tue May 02	DEAP– Club Room	10:00 am
	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Ministry & Personnel– Club Room	7:30 pm
Wed May 03	Canterbury service– offsite	10:30 am
	Membership Class– Club Room	7:00 pm
	R-W Choir rehearsal– Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Thu May 04	Nova Bells– Lower Hall	5:15 pm
	R-W Ringers– Lower Hall	6:45 pm
Sat May 06	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:00 am
	R-W Youth Group– offsite	7:00 pm

ON THE HORIZON

Mon May 08	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
	DVD Series– Club Room	7:00 pm
Tue May 09	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	United Church Women– Memorial Hall	1:30 pm
	Property Committee– Room 11	7:00 pm
Wed May 10	Men's Group– Memorial Hall	9:30 am
	Membership Class– Club Room	7:00 pm
Sat May 13	Community Dinner– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm

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