



An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

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Pentecost 3



Our Healing Ministry

Welcome and Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of age, gender, differing abilities, ethnicity, economic circumstances, or sexual orientation. 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 are in memory of my mother, Nan Cameron,
a gift from her daughter, Irene.*

Prelude: *Aria and Fugue*, Healey Willan

Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Prayer of Approach:

God of healing power, you choose us to be your sons and daughters,
You also choose to heal us throughout our lives:

– **to make us whole, to give us life with meaning and purpose.**

But there are times God when we do not choose to respond.

Sometimes we are want to wallow in our weakness to avoid the hard
effort that life with meaning demands.

Come and restore our strength.

Sometimes we forget that you are in painful processes giving them
meaning.

Come and restore our hope.

Sometimes we are overwhelmed by the voices that say we are too
sinful to be deserving of this healing - your gift.

Come and restore our faith.

For even when we are wallowing, even when we feel unworthy or
scared, we are part of a community of faith that helps us to proclaim:

“You need only speak the word, and we will be healed.”

Come and restore our strength, hope and faith in our lives!

Thanks be to God!

Processional Hymn: *Like a Child*

Voices United 366

Coming Into God’s Presence

Legacy Group

God’s Holy Word

Introit: *O How Glorious*, Healey Willan

Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Scriptures:

Marilee Stephens

Ephesians 2:1-10 • The gift of faith

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what

he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

This is the witness of the Church

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

Anthem: *Prayer of St. Francis*, Peter Togni

Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Sermon: *Jesus Heals*

Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Hymn: *Because Jesus Felt*

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Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

(*Voices United* p. 921)

Grateful Response

Offering: *Sicilienne*, Mark Sirett

Offertory Hymn:

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**We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God,
we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God.**

**We give our hands to you, We give our hands to you,
We give our hands to you, because you reached for us.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Recessional Hymn: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Voices United 619

Commissioning:

Just then some people were leaving a church, inspired by what they heard. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the them, "Take heart, children of God; your sins are forgiven."

But the world may say to us that Jesus has no such authority, to forgive, to heal, to lead.

Jesus responds to the world saying: "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? To show that that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins I say "Stand up, take your bed and go to your home."

So we shall go out – walking, rolling, shuffling - and proclaim this Good News!

Know that the healing Holy Spirit goes with you, wherever you go.

Thanks be to God!¹

Postlude: *The Morning Trumpet*, Marco Burak

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

Music Notes

All Canadian choral and organ music this morning! On the heels of our very successful Canada 150 tour, we are sharing two of the sacred anthems that we sang

¹ Based on Matthew 9: 2-7.

on tour. “O How Glorious” by the Dean of Canadian composers – Healey Willan, is a beautiful piece written in a style that reminds me of the Renaissance. Willan was so masterful in his writing. We have fond memories of singing this on another tour – to England, in Bath Abbey and especially in the tower at Gloucester Cathedral! Then from Atlantic Canada, a wonderful setting of the famous text of St. Francis. You can really hear the Celtic influence in this piece, with the lilting rhythms. Peter Togni was for several years the host of CBC’s “Choral Concert”. He has appeared here at Robertson-Wesley for the CBC reading of Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”. Mark Sirett is an incredible composer of choral works, but this morning you hear one of his short organ works. A Sicilienne is often in a slow, lilting 6/8 or 12/8 time and in a minor key, and this one is no exception. The postlude is by Ontario composer Marco Burak. He has composed for film, theatre, and piano and organ music. Along with five other pieces, “The Morning Trumpet” was commissioned by the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Edmonton Centre for their 25th anniversary of the “Sundays at 3” organ concert series, premiered at a gala concert, and published to mark the occasion.

Cover Image

Cover image: Maundy Thursday at Robertson-Wesley.

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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

June 25, 2017, 10:30 am

Pentecost 3, Life Passages

Children & Youth: Children and youth are encouraged to worship with their families today. Activity books are available.

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Exhortations, Greetings, and Benedictions

Sermon: *Jesus Teaches*

We all have questions, and like the disciples who have followed Jesus those questions always lead to more questions. Paul reminds us, through his letter to the Thessalonians, that Jesus taught us to be patient, resist evil, rejoice always, pray without ceasing and test everything. Keep asking questions and keep asking yourself what is worth following?

Music: Choir of R-W; Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

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

Thank you:

Bake Sale: We made \$265 for the R-W legacy fund. Thank you Sylvia P for the baked goods and to everyone who purchased products.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Community Dinner Cook: We are looking for a volunteer cook to prepare the community dinners. A group of volunteers get together to plan and prepare a nutritious meal for the needy in the community. This meal is prepared once a month on the second Saturday of every month of the year. Numbers vary from 125 people to over 200 people for the

Christmas meal. This program has been in operation for over 20 years and is self-sustaining. A trust fund was provided by a wonderful person to look after the costs these meals. We meet new friends and have a lot of fun preparing these meals. If you are interested, you may contact Robertson-Wesley at mail@rwuc.org.

ICPM Service and Lunch July 23: As we have done for many years, R-W volunteers will assist with the Inner City Pastoral Ministry Service and Lunch on Sunday July 23, taking along multiple loaves of sandwiches and goodies. Please sign up to help with this worthwhile outreach project.

Communion Servers: Our next Communion, by Intinction, is **Sunday, July 9**. Servers are needed for this Communion. If you are able to serve please sign up on the sheet in Memorial Hall.

Scripture Readers: A new list is posted in Memorial Hall. All people are welcome to read on Sunday. This is a popular list, so please sign up for one Sunday only, this is to give other people a fair chance to sign up and participate.

Magic Pantry

Responding to the need in our own neighbourhood, R-W provides a free bag lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm. Recently the lunch has been a can of pasta which everyone really enjoys! The lunch also comes with serviettes, pudding, juice, crackers and cookies.

This outreach program relies on volunteers to be available at the door with a bag lunch ready for people that come to the door. This program is a great way to connect and provide outreach in the community.

Staff

Rev. Karen Bridges will be on holidays June 14-19, 2017.

R-W News & Notes

MISSION AND OUTREACH POD

Guest speaker Paula Kirman

TODAY! Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the Club Room.

At this gathering our guest speaker will be Paula Kirman. Paula is the marketing project co-ordinator with Mill Woods United Church. She is also the e-mail list manager and social media co-ordinator for the group ***Moving Forward with Reconciliation***, which includes members from the United Churches throughout Edmonton. She will share with us the progress to date of the many actions that are taking place in moving forward to healing and reconciliation. Everyone who is interested is invited to be part of this gathering.

SUMMER CONCERT with EWALD CHEUNG

Saturday, July 29 at 2:00 pm.

Ewald Cheung is returning for a summer afternoon of music and dessert. Tickets \$15.00. Ticket sales begin today after worship in Memorial Hall.

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
2. Upgrade the basement washrooms to make them accessible. (June 22-July 31)

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.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND- SEPTEMBER 15 – 17

Theme: Earth's Weavers: Making Connections

This weekend will include: celebration, creativity, friends, laughter, spiritual practice, time outdoors, and most of all, the time to get to know the women at R-W. Registration forms can be found in the literature racks and on R-W's website. For more information you can email Jill L: jilllambie@shaw.ca or the church office by phone or email:

mail@rwuc.org. Deadline to register for the weekend is **July 2, 2017**.

BOOK BUDDIES- The Earth's Blanket

Book Buddies' next read is Nancy J. Turner's *Earth's Blanket*. Available through the church office, the book sells for \$25. The discussion takes place on **Saturday, September 23 at 9:30 am**.

GROCERY CARDS



Everyone buys groceries! Pay for your groceries with grocery cards purchased through Robertson-Wesley United Church and the church will receive between 4% - 8% of the proceeds.

Really, we're just asking you to change your method of payment for your groceries – and it's a great way to budget! Gift cards are available in various denominations Safeway, Sobeys, Save On Foods, or Superstore/No Frills. Buy a \$100 gift card and you will get \$100 worth of groceries! We have a limited supply of gift cards available for sale after worship in Memorial Hall.

OFFERING & ENVELOPE NUMBER

The expenses of Robertson-Wesley United Church are funded mostly from the generosity of our congregation and community. Thank-you very much your generosity and support in keeping our church a welcoming place of worship for our wonderfully diverse community. We wish to remind you that your offering is counted by and tax receipted by a network of volunteers. Please make it easier for them by including

your envelope number with your offering. This will help to minimize errors on your income tax receipt. If you don't remember your envelope number or don't have one and would like one, please email the office at mail@rwuc.org, or phone 780-482-1587 ext 221.

There are two community-based support groups that regularly meet at Robertson-Wesley.:

For Alcoholics Anonymous: Phone 780-424-5900 (phone Service until midnight / 7 days a week) or visit <http://edmontonaa.org/>.

Visit the Narcotics Anonymous page at <http://www.eana.ca/>

In the Community

OBSESSIONS STRING QUARTET

an Exotic trip with Astor Piazzolla

Saturday, June 24 at 3:00 in the sanctuary.

Admission by donation, sponsored by the Robertson-Wesley Music Society.

Obsessions Quartet consists of four respected string players: Joanna Ciapka-Sangster (violin), Clayton Leung (violin), Barry Leung (viola), and Ronda Metszies (cello). The concert will feature guest performers: John Taylor (double bass) and Kent Sangster (saxophones). The string quartet and the full octet with four jazz musicians are winners and nominees of various jazz awards, as well as leaders and members of other groups like Edmonton Jazz Orchestra, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Alberta Baroque Ensemble and Bomba!.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun June 18	Mission & Outreach Pod– Club Room	12:00 pm
Mon June 19	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
Tue June 20	Scripture Reflection Group– Chapel	12:10 pm
	Stewardship– Room 11	1:30 pm
	R-W Board– Room 11	7:00 pm

ON THE HORIZON

Tue June 27	Scripture Reflection Group– Chapel	12:10 pm
Wed June 28	Women's Weekend– Club Room	5:00 pm
Sat July 01	CANADA DAY!	

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We wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous peoples.