



An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

2017 August 13

Pentecost 10



Welcome and Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of sexual orientation, age, gender, differing abilities, ethnicity, or economic circumstances. 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

Prelude: *Prelude*, (Suite No. 5 in C minor for solo violoncello BWV 1011),

J. S. Bach arr. Simon Rowland-Jones

Dushan Bednarsky, viola

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

In a land far away, called Marvel Universe,
there was a young strong man.

He chose to serve.

He gave up an able body and traditional life path to serve the least of
people in his world: vulnerable children.

He was a superhero for his community.

His name was Professor X.

In a land far away, and long ago, there was a grieving widow.

She chose to serve.

She gave up a familiar home and life path and chose to serve the
least of people in her new land...vulnerable women.

She was a superhero for her people. Her name was Ruth.

Prayer of Approach:

God of heros, Source of strength, help us listen anew today to the
stories of heros. Inspire us with Jesus and Ruth's loyal service to
others. Help us to choose to serve.

**God of heros, Source of strength, thank you for your gifts of
superpowers, the fruits of the Spirit! Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *Serve the Lord*

All God's Children Sing



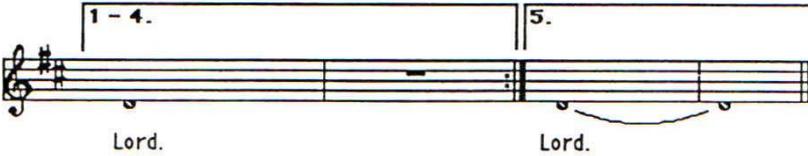
1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with glad - ness.
2. Trust the Lord, the Lord will al - ways lead you.
3. Thank the Lord for God's might-y ac - tions.
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Coming Into God's Presence

God's Holy Word

Scriptures:

Donna Krucik

Psalm 4 – read and sung responsively

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Ruth 1:12-17 • Ruth's decision

Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die- there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

This is the witness of Israel

Thanks be to God our loving Creator.

Sermon: *Serving Others: life changing*

Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Hymn: *Don't Be Afraid*

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Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

(*Voices United* p. 921)

Grateful Response

Offering Invitation

Offering: *Sarabande*, (Suite No. 5 in C minor for solo violoncello BWV 1011),

J. S. Bach arr. Simon Rowland-Jones

Dushan Bednarsky, viola

Offertory Hymn: *Spiderman* Theme, words from *Voices United* 540

**Grant us God, grace to give
with a spirit large and free
that ourselves and our lives,
may be offered faithfully
Praise be, thanks be to God, Amen.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Hymn: *We Are Pilgrims*

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Commissioning:

Followers of Jesus are we ready to strive to be heros?

Jesus said: I am the Way!

Ruth said: Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

**We say: Jesus, where you go, we will go, where you lodge, we
will lodge; your people shall be our people and your God shall
be our God!**

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Postlude: *Gavotte*, (Suite No. 5 in C minor for solo violoncello BWV 1011),

J. S. Bach arr. Simon Rowland-Jones

Dushan Bednarsky, viola

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

Music Notes

Thanks so much to Belinda Chiang for playing this morning while Tammy-Jo is on holidays. And many thanks to Dushan Bednarsky for playing this wonderful music of Bach this morning. These pieces, from a multi-movement suite were written originally for solo cello, but they are so amazing that they have been transcribed for many other instruments, including for viola as you will hear today.

Cover Image

Cover images: This picture was taken in our very own Memorial Hall.

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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

August 20, 2017, 10:30 am

Pentecost 11

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

Scripture:

Jonah 1:1-3; 3: 1-4, 9 and 10; 4:1-4 and Psalm 17

Sermon: *God is my Superpower!*

Jonah is a famous prophet. But oddly he is best remembered for how many times (and how creatively) he said "NO, NOT ME"! God is so amazing though that in Jonah's refusals and anger there still was enacted a transformation of a whole city's population! They turned away from selfishness and idolatry and toward caring for one another and seeking God. How is God working superbly in your life even when you do not know it?

Music: Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organist; Jim Findlay, guitar and MingMei Xu, violin

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

Thank you: Many thanks to those volunteers who assisted with the Inner City Pastoral Mission service and lunch on Sunday July 23. R-W members **Lisa, Jill, Dawn, Donna, Gail, Lorna, Louis, Garnet** and **Lois** spent the morning preparing and serving lunch to over 200

people, as well as taking part in the service, which included indigenous themed smudging and stone ceremonies conducted by Michelle N. the assistant pastor. Thanks also to the many other volunteers who made and donated multi loaves of sandwiches and delicious desserts which were much appreciated.

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.

Garden Patch & Kid's Church- Grandparents, parents, youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer Sunday mornings on a regular rotational basis. More details are on the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall. Sign up today!

Staff

Tammy-Jo Mortensen is away on vacation till Aug 16.
Brad Campbell will be on vacation and returns Sept 5.
Rev. Karen Bridges is on sabbatical Aug 31 to Oct 31.

R-W News & Notes

SUMMER MUSICIANS

R-W welcomes many solo musicians over the summer months when our choristers and ringers are taking a break. Thanks to our musical volunteers!

SOULOUTING

A safe place where LGBT persons can explore the sacred and connect with one another, this informal service is part worship, part bible study, part sharing circle. It's held in the chapel on the second Sunday of the month at 7 pm.

The next gathering is tonight! **Sunday August 13 at 7:00 pm.**



MISSION AND SERVICE CELEBRATION - AUGUST 27TH



This Sunday we will have our Mission and Service (M & S) Celebration in worship, when we invite those who have had a special event in their lives in the last 3 months (June, July and August birthdays, births, new homes, healing) to put a special donation into the bucket for the Mission and Service Fund.

DO YOU NEED SOME SUMMER READING?

Check out the shelf in the Club Room, and the library downstairs in Room 10. There are terrific books available and it's a simple "check out" system. Books can be borrowed for four weeks.

NEEDED: USED LAPTOPS

Laptops dead or alive for Missions in Mali, West Africa. David Begin is booked with Ethiopian Airways leaving October 19th. Repairing laptops is cheap in Mali, so even broken screens can be replaced for next to nothing. Hard Drive will be erased. Please give to David Begin or Rev. Leigh to pass along to him.

FLOWER DONATION DURING THE SUMMER

We invite you to take part in offering flowers to our sanctuary. Anyone can donate flowers to be displayed for Sunday morning worship. Flowers can be donated to celebrate any season or to mark an important day, anniversary or in memory of someone.

To donate: just bring your bouquet on Sunday morning and give it to an usher!

Remember: take it home with you or gift it to someone to take home with them.

At this time: the Church office *can* mark the occasion in the bulletin if you let them know by Wednesday at noon, before the Sunday you choose. The Church office *cannot* receive donations of flowers on your behalf.

With deep gratitude for the ministry of the Flower Group over the years, this is how we will receive flowers during the transition as we explore new ways to continue this ministry.

R-W IS ACCEPTING ARTWORK!

Art Sale: November 18, 2017, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



R-W will be holding its annual Art Sale in November and we are accepting art donations. Art is "in the eyes of the beholder" - so we accept art of everything kind - oils, drawings, wood working, pottery, and jewelry, etc.. .

You will receive a tax receipt for the actual cost of the article at the sale.

If you have any art or wish information, please contact Sheila or Pat at 780-481-0056 or leave a message at the Church Office.

All the money from the Art Sale stays within the church for future community projects and activities.

REV. KAREN BRIDGES GOES ON SABBATICAL

August 1 – October 31, 2017

In The United Church of Canada ministers are eligible to go on a three-month Sabbatical after working in a congregation for 5 years. As this is my 7th year here at Robertson-Wesley, it is time to engage a spiritual practice of Sabbath. The term sabbatical actually is derived from the biblical word Sabbath which serves an ancient human need to build periods of rest and rejuvenation into a lifetime. A sabbatical is simply getting an extended leave from work to pursue a break from one’s regular duties.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun Aug 13	Soul OUTing– Chapel	7:00 pm
Tue Aug 15	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm

ON THE HORIZON

Tue Aug 22	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
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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.