



An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

2017 October 22

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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

Prelude: *Canto (based on an Ojibway song)*, Derek Healey

Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship

We have come at the call of Holy Mystery.

Whether we know it or not.

We are embraced by Holy Love.

Whether we know it or not.

Wisdom beyond our own has brought us here.

We come in humility and filled with awe.

Prayer of Approach

O Hidden Life

Vibrant in every atom

O Hidden Light

Shining in every creature.

O Hidden Love

Embracing all in Oneness.

May each who feels at One with Thee,

Know we are one with all things. Amen.

Processional hymn: *Each Blade of Grass*

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

In the rush of life we sometimes forget who and whose we are.

Sometimes it is hard to sort the grain from the chaff.

The lure of the world's expectations, at times, draws us off the path to which we are called.

Sometimes it is hard to find the way.

Guide us, O Holy One, O Holy Three

That we may find our way back to Thee.

Because we ask it, God will never give us up for lost.

May this wonderful knowledge bring you peace and purpose.

Amen.

Celebrate God's Presence

Stewardship Committee

Introit: *You are the Salt of the Earth*, Warren Mack Choir of Robertson-Wesley

God's Holy Word

Scriptures:

Susan Wirtanen

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a

king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Scripture Response: *As God Has Called You*, Eleanor Daley Choir of R-W

Sermon: *Who? Me? Really?*

Rev. Lynn Maki

Hymn: *I am a Child of God*

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Pastoral Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

(*Voices United* p. 921)

Grateful Response

Invitation to Offering

Offering: *Prelude in F Major*, J. S. Bach, arr. Betty B. Radford

Robertson-Wesley Ringlets

Offertory Hymn: *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands* **Voices United 537**

Prayer of Gratitude

Recessional Hymn: *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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Commissioning

Go from this place with courage.

We go into the world knowing we do not go alone.

Take with you the Light of Love.

We will take this Light, enlightening our lives and those of whom we meet on the journey.

The unfathomable Grace of the Holy goes with us.

And we celebrate with joy!

Postlude: *Carillon on Nettleton*, arr. Danny Lyons Robertson-Wesley Ringlets

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

Music Notes

Thanks to the Robertson-Wesley Ringlets handbell quartet for playing today. They are: Wendy Hoskin, Cathy Koski, Debbie Rice and Linda Stockl. One of the pieces they are playing is by one of our very own ringers, Betty Radford. She has been inspired by Bach a lot lately and this piece shows that wonderful inspiration! The postlude is a bel arrangement based on the hymn tune “Nettleton” to which we usually sing the text “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”.

For the prelude, I’ve included a piece by the English born Derek Healey. He came to study in Canada in 1969, and subsequently taught at universities in Toronto, Victoria and Guelph. This piece, Canto is based on an Ojibway song. Although the harmonies show 20thc. colours, the tune is outlined clearly, and ethnic music has been a considerable factor in the output of Healey.

The choir shares a piece by colleague Warren Mack, who is the Music Director at United on Whyte Church. This “zippy wee canon” as he subtitled it, is based on Matthew 5:13-14.

Cover Image

Cover images: Even bread comes in diversity! (photo by Jim Triscott, 2017)

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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

October 29, 2017, 10:30 am, Pentecost 21
Reformation Sunday, 500th Anniversary

Second for Stewardship

Children & Youth: Children begin in the sanctuary, then go to their Kids' Church program. Youth meet in the youth room at the beginning of the service.

Scripture: Romans 3: 21-24, 26

Sermon: *God provides and WE RESPOND!*

This morning, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will celebrate reformers of the past and present – from Bach to Luther, from Wesley to YOU! This will also be our Pledge Sunday when we commit ourselves to share of our talents and time with the church community – in sharing of friends, funds and fun!

Music: Orchestra, Soloists & Choir of Robertson-Wesley

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

Staff

Rev. Karen Bridges is on sabbatical Aug 1 to Oct 31.

Rev. Leigh Sinclair is on study leave Oct 22-26.

Volunteering: For all that are interested in volunteering at R-W for the *All is Bright Festival* on Nov. 25 are welcome to join us in Room 11 **after the service today** to help organize and discuss our plans!

R-W News & Notes

MOVIE NIGHT!

Join us in Room 11 to watch the award winning film BRIDGEWALERS on Monday, Oct 23 at 7:00 pm. See insert for more details.

Volunteer Opportunities: There are many positions posted on the board in Memorial Hall. Check it out today, sign up for one or many positions!

PASTORAL VISITING WORKSHOP

2 day workshop in Memorial Hall on Friday evening, Nov 3 and Saturday afternoon at 12:00 pm. See insert for full details.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH CHALLENGE

Please join us after service today in Memorial Hall

Get to know your church & have some fun with the children and youth at the same time! The children and youth will be gathering people of all ages and abilities into teams of 3-5 people. Each team will be given page of photos of objects/places/architecture in the church. The fun task is to try to determine what the photo is and go and find that spot in the church - **think EYE SPY!** Teams will gather back in the hall 20 minutes later and prizes will be awarded.

KOINONIA- Blanket Exercise. All are welcome!

Sunday, October 29, potluck at 5:00 pm

The group will meet at 5:00 for potluck. After dinner the group will be led by an elder through a Blanket Exercise.

Blanket Exercise participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance.

RSVP to the office by October 25. Contact: mail@rwuc.org or phone: 780-482-1587, ext 221. \$5 at the door. All funds will go to KAIROS.

CELEBRATING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION OCTOBER 29TH

In the most recent edition of Between the Aisles there was an article by Nancy Heule about the Reformation and some of the history and the changes in the church before and during the time of Martin Luther. The United Church is a church born out of the Reformed tradition, from our Methodist and Presbyterian roots. Come celebrate the past with us as we share an entire Bach cantata, look at the Reformation over the last 500 years, and look also into the future as the church continues to “reform” today.

The service that day will feature Bach’s Easter Cantata, BWV 4 “Christ Lag in Todesbanden,” with chamber orchestra (Strathcona String Quartet and friends) using period instruments, soloists from the choir, and a guest soloist from Calgary. We will also sing some wonderful hymns

from the Reformed tradition, and hear from theologians who spoke and are still speaking about reformation.

COVENANTING SERVICE WITH REV. LEIGH SINCLAIR

Sunday, November 5 at 7:00 pm with guest preacher Don Mayne
On Nov 5 we will be holding a covenanting service with Edmonton Presbytery and the Rev. Leigh Sinclair followed by a reception in Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and pledge their support to this new step in our ministry together.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES

Nov 12, 2017 Remembrance theme – remember loved ones, remember companions and pets, remember those who came before. Are you seeking an escape from the world, an oasis in your crazy life? Are you seeking some quiet? Are you seeking time for yourself or inspiration? Then we invite you to engage in **contemplative practices** at R-W in Memorial Hall. When you enter Memorial Hall you will find pockets of inspiration that will clear your mind, open your heart, and bring your spirit into connection with the sacred and the world. Throughout Memorial Hall there will be different spaces with different contemplative practices that invite you to meditate, pray, while engaging in some artistic exercises. Drop by anytime between the hours of 7-8:30 pm.

CREATIVE SELF CARE WORKSHOP; Remembering Self **Saturday, November 18, 10 am – 2:30 pm**

People from the community are welcome to participate in a healing-focused artistic workshop at no cost to you. November is a month for remembering...but as this season gets busy we can often forget self. Instead we need to be intentional in remembering self. While self-care is known to be an ethical issue for healthcare professionals; it is equally important for all caregivers – and for all of us – to prioritize our own health and wellness. In this workshop, we will explore mindful creative arts practices, as ways to manage stress and find greater self-compassion. This will be the first of three workshops offered at Robertson-Wesley. Register online from the Spirited Arts Movement web page.

R-W IS ACCEPTING ARTWORK!

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

R-W's annual Art Sale needs your art donations. Art is "in the eyes of the beholder" - so we accept art of every 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.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

We need donations for male and females of all ages (about 350 total) of NEW (purchased, re-gifted, or handmade):

Hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks

These will be stored, then placed around a tree in the chapel, and offered as gifts to Dec. 2nd Christmas Community Dinner guests.

NOTE: This is NOT affiliated with White Gift Sunday which is the unwrapped gift donations that will be located in the main sanctuary.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WOMEN EDUCATORAS OF R-W; you are invited

Tuesday, November 7, 6:45 pm with Delta Kappa Gamma

Whether you are an educator in a school or in another educational role in your profession or voluntary position, we invite you to DKG, a women educators group in Room 11. The topic is decluttering, a topic that scares most of us. The speaker is Daina Benson from her company, "Keep it Neat." She has solutions that we can manage.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon Oct 23	Movie Night; Bridgewalkers– Room 11	7:00 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	7:00 pm
Tue Oct 24	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	1:30 pm
Wed Oct 25	Messy Wednesday– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm
	Choir of R-W– Lower Hall, Sanctuary	7:30 pm
Thu Oct 26	Nova Bells– Lower Hall	5:15 pm
	R-W Ringers– Lower Hall	6:45 pm
Sat Oct 28	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:00 am

ON THE HORIZON

Sun Oct 29	Koinonia; Blanket Exercise– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm
Mon Oct 30	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	7:00 pm
	Spirited Art; Gendered? – Room 11	7:00 pm
Tue Oct 31	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	1:30 pm
Wed Nov 01	Canterbury service– offsite	10:30 am
Fri Nov 03	Pastoral Visiting Training– Memorial Hall	7:00 pm
Sat Nov 04	Pastoral Visiting Training– Memorial Hall	12:00 pm
	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:00 am
	R-W Youth Group– offsite	6:00 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.