



*An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada*

2018 Jan 14

Epiphany 2

10:30 AM

## Welcome and Inclusion

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

## What would you post?



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Friends in *Christ*

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Prelude: *Morning Has Broken*, David Lasky

Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

When you are welcomed here – know we want the real you!

**When we come together we hear – God loves the real me!**

In all honesty: Jesus is calling you to follow him.

**I am called to love and serve others, God being my helper.**

Let us worship God honestly and openly.

Moments of Openness and Honesty – *Litany of Honesty*

Prayer of Approach:

**God who made all peoples, all languages and cultures:  
remind us that you love us. And also remind us that “us”  
includes all – us and them.**

**There are no divisions in Jesus’ love for people.**

**This is so hard for us to know and harder still to enact.**

**Be with us as we reflect on – in all honesty – our lives and the  
Way of the Promise. Amen.**

Sung Response: *We’ll Find a Way to Be Honest*

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(Choir once, congregation second time)

Processional Hymn: *We are the Church*, Richard Avery & Donald Marsh

**Refrain:** I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, All around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!

The church is not a building, The church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people!

**Refrain**

We’re many kinds of people, With many kinds of faces,  
All colours and all ages, too From all times and places.

**Refrain**

And when the people gather, There’s singing and there’s praying,  
There’s laughing and there’s crying sometimes, All of it saying:

**Refrain**

I count if I am ninety, Or nine or just a baby,  
There’s one thing I am sure about And I don’t mean maybe:

**Refrain**

Coming Into God’s Presence

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God’s *Holy Word*

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Introit: *Sing Unto the Lord a New Song*, Eleanor Daley

Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Scripture:

Julie Golosky

John 2: 1-11 • What wine are you serving?

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God for Christ, the word made flesh.**

Anthem: *Come to a Wedding, Come to a Blessing*, Shirley Erena Murray  
Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Sermon: *What will you post, God being your helper?* Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Hymn: *If I Have Been the Source of Pain* **More Voices 76**

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

(*Voices United* p. 921)

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*Grateful* Response

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Offering: *Aria*, Healey Willan

Offertory Hymn:

**More Voices 53 v 4**

**God who raised our rolling foothills  
crowned with mountain peaks beyond;  
call us now to love and serve you,  
joyfully will we respond.  
God whose glory past and present  
lights us on our future way,  
now baptize us with your spirit,  
build tomorrow's church today.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Recessional Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* **Voices United 101**

Commissioning:

As you go remember God is with you.

**We go to live love, God being our helper.**

As you go remember God loves you.

**We go to live love, God being our helper.**

Seek out kindness, share it too!

**We go with Christ on our heels and God being our helper.**

Question for Reflection:

**If I were being honest, I could change my assumptions about...**

Postlude: *Fanfare on "Salzburg"*, Michael Bedford

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

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### Music Notes

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Several Canadian composers this morning! The sung response at the beginning of the service that we will be using for the next several weeks was written by members of rEvolve, which was an Edmonton-based group.

The introit, based on Ps. 98 is by Ontario composer Eleanor Daley. Her music is really well-written and really useful. The choir she often has in mind for her creative output is the choir she directs, Fairlawn United Church in Toronto.

Healey Willan has written written much for the organ, but this piece comes from a "Fugal Trilogy" – a collection of three pieces that have a movement plus a fugue. The term aria represents something that is usually sung. In this case, an instrumental piece to be played very smoothly, connected, with sustain.

The offering hymn is by two Canadians – text writer Herbert O'Driscoll and tune writer Judith Snowdon. O'Driscoll has five hymn texts in Voices United.

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### Cover Image

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Cover image: A Facebook "conversation" of pastors about the 2018 liturgical calendar.

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## R-W REPORT JANUARY 14, 2018

### 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

January 21, 2018, 10:30 am

#### Epiphany 3

**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:** John 2: 13-25

**Sermon:** *Look What You Made me Do!*

We have been challenging ourselves this new year to be honest about our intentions and faith. This can be especially hard when we are feeling deep emotions, such as anger. Anger is a natural and important emotion that can lead us to uncover the truth and seek justice for all. It also can be used to hide from our other emotions and power lashing out, blaming others and beginning to make decisions out of hate instead of love. Now is the time to ask yourself a hard question: will you own your anger and actions and follow Jesus, or disown your anger – blaming others for your choices and creating division? Let's help to bring peace back into our lives and the world by naming our feelings. And let's do it with love.

**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.

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#### Volunteer Opportunities

**Nominations for Key Leadership Positions-** We are seeking people for two board positions this year. We would ask that you all take time to

discern if you or someone you know might have the gifts and passion to fulfill these roles. If you have suggestions or are interested please talk to one of the members of the nominations committee, Garnet Thomas, John Fleming, Ted Blezard or Rev. Karen Bridges. We are seeking a person for to be the Secretary to the Board, who will take minutes at the monthly board meetings. It would be helpful if you are familiar with computers for this position. It is a two-year term. We are also seeking an Incoming Chair of the Board. If you are good at facilitating conversation and running a meeting consider taking on this role. This position is a three-year term, you would have one year to learn about things, then one year as the chair and then one year as past chair, in a supportive position. With this particular position we are seeking someone who has formalized their membership with the United Church of Canada. More detailed descriptions can be found on the website [www.rwuc.org](http://www.rwuc.org) under volunteers.

### **The Alberta & Northwest Conference of the UCC needs your help.**

As you may know, the AB & NW Conference is holding their 85th Meeting in Sherwood Park on May 10-13 2018. They are looking for volunteers to act as greeters, servers, stewards, etc. If you are interested please contact the Edmonton Presbytery Office Administrator at [presbytery.office@uccedm.org](mailto:presbytery.office@uccedm.org) or Wayne Flewelling at [whflew@shaw.ca](mailto:whflew@shaw.ca)."

**Thank you-** Thank you one and all! Together we raised \$802.00 through the annual preserves and bake sale. So many years now I have enjoyed this event and your generous support. Time now to put away the mix-master and chef's knife. A final thank you and farewell.  
Blessings -*Donna Krucik*.

### **R-W News & Notes**

#### **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

The deadline for reports from the committees of the church is **today, Sunday, Jan 14, 2018**. Send your information to [mail@rwuc.org](mailto:mail@rwuc.org) with "2017 Annual Report Submission" in the subject line.

#### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A **Budget Information Session** will be held Sunday, **February 4, 2018**. **The Annual General Meeting** of the Robertson-Wesley congregation will take place in Memorial Hall after the service on **February 11, 2018**. Printed copies of the Annual Report will be available on **Jan 28, 2018**.

#### **BETWEEN THE AISLES**

Between the Aisles quarterly publication. Deadline for submissions is **today Jan 14, 2018**. Please forward your stories, notices, or musings to:

rwucnews@gmail.com. Please consider sending us your writing. It is good for the soul!

## **SPIRITED ART MOVEMENT**

**January 17, 24 and 31 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Embroidery has been a long-standing craft associated with femininity for all time. It's allowed us to decorate our clothing and homes, to tell stories and contribute to culture.

Red Crow Embroidery creates embroidery to a modern style appealing to younger folks. Red Crow will teach us basics of embroidery and it's history!

All genders welcome! **Please register at [rwuc.org/sam](http://rwuc.org/sam)**

Is your spirit gendered? The Spirited Arts Movement will conduct a year-long series of our expressions of gender and its relationship with our humanity and spirit through art. It will feature a series of workshops working with a variety of art forms. **GENDERED? JUST HUMAN?** will feature workshops open and targeted to all genders, exploring how we define **MASCULINE/FEMININE** and using stereotypically gendered art forms

## **SPIRITED SATURDAYS "Saying No to say Yes"**

Come and learn through listening and discussion how setting boundaries and saying no can lead us to better love of self and others. We will gather with coffee/tea/juice and our Bibles to explore how to make our "yes" count by using "no"! We will meet the third Saturday of the month, 9:30-11:30 am, January to May (except April).

Come to one or all the workshops and bring friends and/or family!

## **MESSY WEDNESDAYS**

Messy Wednesdays in Memorial Hall typically fall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 5pm – 7pm, families with children gather for dinner, activities and discussion. The families gather to eat a meal together at no cost to the family, which is served around 5:45pm. We have a couple of volunteers who do the cooking for us, so it is night off for parents! This is a wonderful way to get to know other families in the church and the neighbourhood. It is a messy and fun time for all! **Next dinner: Jan. 24**

## **GAMES NIGHT AT R-W**

**Saturday Jan 27, 2018 6-9PM**

It's that time of the year when we get together to have some fun and play games. This event is for all ages, and all people! There will be a variety of board games, wide games, games to get to know each other, running games for those of us who have lots of energy. Bring a snack to share

and prepare to be energized and filled with JOY! Come when you can between 6-9pm and stay as long as you'd like. Bring your neighbours and friends.

**Community Events**

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA AUTHOR'S BREAKFAST**

Author's Breakfast and Talk featuring Laurel Deedrick-Mayne  
 Hear Laurel Deedrick-Mayne, Edmonton author and winner of the \$10,000 Alberta Readers' Choice Award, speak about her first book A WAKE AT THE DREAMLAND. DKG, an international women educators' society, invites you to its 10th annual Author's Breakfast to hear about the ten-year process of researching and writing the book which takes place in Edmonton, Peace River and Europe during WW II. Memorial Hall, Saturday, February 3, 2018, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
 Cost: \$20.00

Questions/reserve: lornaber@telus.net; clarkwinchesters@shaw.ca

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun Jan 14	Soul OUTing– Chapel	7:00 pm
Mon Jan 15	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
Tue Jan 16	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	1:30 pm
	R-W Board meeting– Room 11	7:00 pm
Wed Jan 17	Community Dinner meeting– Library	
	Gendered? Just Human Spirited Arts series	7:00 pm
	R-W Choir rehearsal– Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Thu Jan 18	Nova Bells– Lower Hall	5:15 pm
	R-W Ringers– Lower Hall	6:45 pm
Sat Jan 20	Spirited Saturday– Club Room	9:30 am
	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:30 am

**ON THE HORIZON**

Sun Jan 21	Nominations ctte– Club Room	12:00 pm
Mon Jan 22	Mom and Dad's Group– Club Room	9:30 am
	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
	God on Tap– offsite	7:00 pm
Tue Jan 23	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	1:30 pm
Wed Jan 24	Messy Wednesday– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm
	Gendered? Just Human Spirited Arts series	7:00 pm
	R-W Choir rehearsal– Karen's office	7:00 pm
Sat Jan 27	Women's Weekend gathering– Room 11	9:30 am
	Games Night– Memorial Hall	6:00 pm