



# Robertson - Wesley

UNITED CHURCH *Spirited*

*An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada*

2018 Jan 21

Epiphany 3

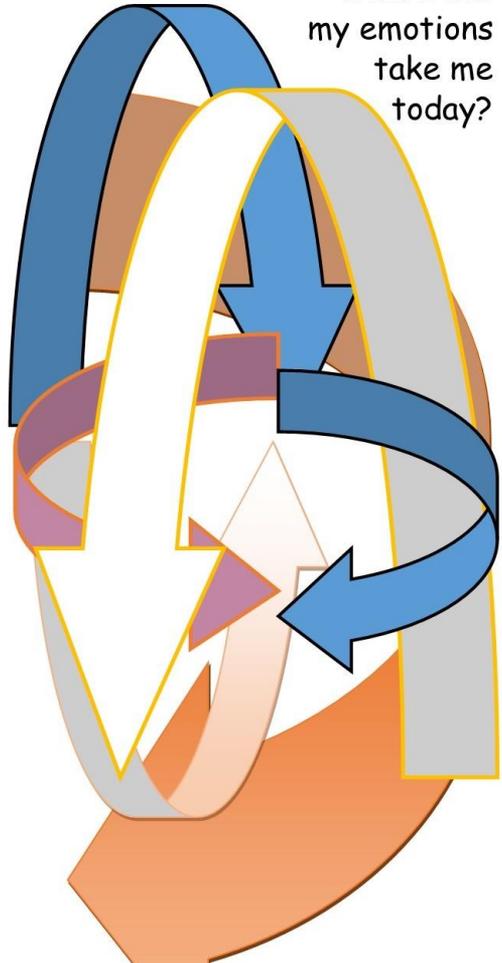
10:30 AM

## Welcome and Inclusion

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

Honestly,  
where will  
my emotions  
take me  
today?



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*Friends in Christ*

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Prelude: *Fantasia*, Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

In all honesty, it may be too early.

**Too early in the morning, too early in the year,**

to truly be honest about our feelings.

**We come this morning to discover when is the right time.**

It is not too early to thank God for breath, to thank God for sunrises,

**to thank God for the love that makes it all worthwhile!**

It is not too late to express these feelings we feel,

**And express this faith we hold.**

Come and let us worship God, Giver of feelings and faith!

**We come to open up to this God for whom it is never too early or too late!**

Processional Hymn: *Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope* (hope, peace and love)

***More Voices 33***

Coming Into God's Presence

Rev. Karen Bridges

Moments of Openness and Honesty

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

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*God's Holy Word*

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Introit: *Surely the Lord is in this Place*, Douglas E. Wagner

Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Scripture:

Marilee Stephens

John 2: 13-25 • Jesus in the Temple

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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

Anthem: *Ich bin die Auferstehung*, Gallus Dressler    Choir of Robertson-Wesley  
(Text: I am the resurrection and the life, they that believe, will live, will not die.  
Whoever lives and believes in me, will never die.)

Sermon: *Look what you made me do!*

Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Hymn: *When Pain of the World*

**Voices United 598**

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

(*Voices United* p. 921)

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*Grateful Response*

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Offering: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*, Charles Ore

Offertory Hymn:

**More Voices 53 v4**

**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: *My Soul Cries Out*

**More Voices 120**

Commissioning:

Go now, full of feelings, faith and friendship.

**We go thanking God that it is not too late to express these  
feelings we feel.**

Go and find ways to honestly express feelings, faith and friendship.

**We go to share the good news! God's love is with us always!**

Thanks be to God.

**Amen.**

Question for Reflection:

**If I were being honest, one emotion that is under my anger is...**

Postlude: *Celtic Scherzo*, Andrew Wright

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

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### Music Notes

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Music from the global church! The first hymn is from Cameroon, and has been taught to many people who are leaders in global hymnody, like John Bell and Pablo Sosa. The final hymn tune is Irish – the Star of the County Down. Over the centuries, many people have taken popular folk melodies and set new hymn texts to them, this being no exception! To go with this hymn, the postlude is a dancy scherzo in many different time signatures.

The anthem composer, Gallus Dressler (1533-ca. 1580), was born in Germany, and was likely educated in the Netherlands. He was very influenced by Dutch and Franco-Flemish composers. While some of his choral works, such as this one on the “I am the Resurrection and the Life” still exist, he is even more well-known for his writings on music theory and writing about the compositional process of Renaissance composers. For the prelude, I have chosen a Dutch composer who was a little later in the Renaissance, moving in to the Baroque period. Sweelinck (1562-1621) was one of the first major keyboard composers, and he was very influential on the North German composers. A fantasia is a free work, often in many different sections, and may sound improvisatory.

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### Cover Image

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Cover image is a creation of Rev. Leigh’s reflecting on emotions.

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## **R-W REPORT JANUARY 21, 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 28, 2018, 10:30 am**

**Epiphany 4**

**R-W Anniversary Sunday**

**Seconds 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:** John 3: 1-21 Nicodemus Visits Jesus

**Sermon:** *What are you hiding from?*

Nicodemus is a leader, he is spiritually open and curious and at the same time very rational. Nicodemus is not ready to come out of the proverbial closet, he is not ready to declare his faith in public, nor is he ready to let it transform his life. What secret questions, doubts and wonderings hold you back from being honest about what you believe and who you are?

**Music:** Cantilon Kindersingers; R-W Ringers

**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, John Fleming, Ted

Bleazard, Ron Soans 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.

***Wanted: Magic Pantry Coordinator-*** We are seeking an individual to coordinate our weekly bag lunch program. Bag lunches are given out over the noon hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. We have volunteers that sign up to do this. The coordinator would ensure that there are supplies to make the lunches and would coordinate Sandwich making parties when needed. If you would like to know more about this program please contact Rev. Karen Bridges.

***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 Wayne Flewelling at [whflew@shaw.ca](mailto:whflew@shaw.ca)."

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

#### **GOD ON TAP**

Young adults ages 18-45ish are invited to join Karen for some spiritual discussion over pints or beverages. We will meet at the Bru Coffee and Beer House (11965 Jasper Ave - Pearl Tower.) **Monday, Jan 22 from 7 pm – 8:30 pm.** Your friends are welcome to come.

#### **MESSY WEDNESDAYS**

Messy Wednesdays in Memorial Hall typically fall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 5 – 7 pm, 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 6-9 PM**

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 6-9 pm and stay as long as you'd like. Bring your neighbours and friends.

## **KOINONIA WORSHIP**

**Next Sunday, January 28 at 5:30 pm, Memorial Hall**

Koinonia will hold an interactive communion service while we are having our potluck dinner, reflecting on The Last Supper when Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

We will also explore new ways of becoming an even-more caring church. Please feel free to join the group in Memorial Hall next Sunday evening, January 28, for potluck (if you are able, please bring an item for the main meal, or a salad or a dessert to share). Potluck and worship begin at 5:30, and the service will continue until approximately 8:00 pm. Welcome all!

## **CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES**

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 Robertson-Wesley United Church 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 on the designated Sundays. Stay for as long as you would like. This is a self-directed program with instructions throughout the room to give you some guidance on your journey. This coming program year we will have 7 Sunday evenings each with a different theme. Invite your friends, family and neighbours to enter this oasis and emerge inspired, enlightened, grounded and feeling nourished.  
**Feb 4, 2018** Broken relationships, broken dreams – a path to healing  
**Mar 18, 2018** Caring for the care givers – a night to recharge, to fill up your cup

## **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**.

**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](mailto:lornaber@telus.net); [clarkwinchesters@shaw.ca](mailto:clarkwinchesters@shaw.ca)

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	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
	Family Ministry– Karen's office	7:00 pm
	R-W Choir rehearsal– Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Thu Jan 25	Nova Bells– Lower Hall	5:15 pm
	R-W Ringers– Lower Hall	6:45 pm
Sat Jan 27	Women's Weekend gathering– Room 11	9:30 am
	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:30 am
	Games Night– Memorial Hall	6:00 pm

**ON THE HORIZON**

Sun Jan 28	Worship ctte– Club Room	11:30 am
	Koinonia– Memorial Hall	5:30 pm
Mon Jan 29	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
Tue Jan 30	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	1:30 pm
Wed Jan 31	Gendered? Just Human Spirited Arts series	7:00 pm
Sat Feb 03	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:30 am