



An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of

2018 July 22

Pentecost 9

### Welcome and Inclusion

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

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.



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## Friends in Christ

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Prelude: *O Lovely Peace* (*Judas Maccabaeus*), G. F. Handel

Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

Jesus said: Love one another.

**We come to worship God who is love,  
that we may learn to love one another.**

Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants;  
now I call you my friends.

**We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ**

Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship,  
**through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *Jesus, Teacher Brave and Bold*

*Voices United 605*

Coming Into God's Presence

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## God's Holy Word

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Solo: *Sure on this Shining Night*, Samuel Barber

Melisa Guilbeault

Scriptures:

Jane Chesebrough

### 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 • David is Anointed King

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ... David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

### Mark 6: 1-13 • Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no

bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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

Solo: *He Shall Feed His Flock* (Messiah), G. F. Handel Melisa Guilbeault

Sermon: *Action beats "Bling" Every Time* Paul and Lesley Verdin

Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me* **Voices United 567**

Pastoral Prayers

Lord's Prayer (sung) *(insert)* Music: Wendy Edey  
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**Our Father, our Mother, loving God in whom is heaven:**

**May your name be made holy,**

**may your reign come,**

**may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;**

**And forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors;**

**and do no put us to the test, but free us from evil.**

**For yours is the dominion, and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

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## Grateful Response

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Invitation to Offering

Offering: *Air (Water Music)*, G. F. Handel

Offertory Hymn: *We Give You But Your Own* **Voices United 542**

**We give you but your own,**

**Whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is yours alone,**

**we give it gratefully.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Hymn: *Sent Out in Jesus Name* **More Voices 212**

Blessing:

God, our protector, keep us in mind. Always give strength to your people for to be with you only one day in time, is better than a thousand without you.

**Amen.**

Commissioning:

Go into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God!

**We go loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and all our strength!**

And love your neighbour as yourself.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso – Hornpipe (Water Music)*, G. F. Handel

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## **Worship Notes**

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Thank you to Paul and Lesley Verdin who created and led this morning's worship. The Verdins are members here at Robertson-Wesley United Church and *Licensed Lay Worship Leaders* with Edmonton Presbytery.

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## **Music Notes**

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Thank you to Melisa Guilbeault and Ron Soans for sharing their musical gifts this morning to enrich our summer special music. Ron is playing on several of the hymns and Melisa will sing two solos. Melisa chose "He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah, and so I decided to play several other selections by Handel, all arrangements of somewhat familiar pieces. The prelude is from the Oratorio (like a sacred unstaged opera) by Handel based on the life and stories of Judas Maccabaeus, the Jewish priest who led a revolt against the Seleucid Empire. The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah ("Dedication") commemorates the restoration of Jewish worship at the temple in Jerusalem in 164 BCE, after Judas Maccabeus removed all of the statues depicting Greek gods and goddesses and purified it. This piece "O Lovely Peace" comes from part 3 of Handel's oratorio, when the people rejoice that peace has at last come to their country.

American Samuel Barber (1910-1981) wrote a collection called "Four Songs, Op. 13" which "Sure on this Shining Night" comes from. The text is from an untitled poem by James Agee. It is very Romantic in nature and the cantabile lines in the voice are imitated in the piano. Barber later arranged it for chorus. Melisa says of this piece: "When I was a child I used to walk out in the field, and lay on square bale of hay, looking up... I looked up..... in wonder... "

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## **Cover Image**

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