

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AFFIRMING CELEBRATION

September 23, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Guest Speaker: Lynn Caldwell

Presenting the Affirming Certificate: Nicholas Belanger, Kevin Perrey, and their children Zada and Zackree

Reader: Tessa Whyte

Assisting in worship: Members of the Affirm Team: Kent Stewart, Laura Thomson, Barbara Jones, Tessa Whyte, Barb Schmuland, Wilma Bell Wessel, Catherine Maloney

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

* You are invited to stand

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE SING MV #142

O Song Must Rise

RAISING THE AFFIRMING BANNER

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ
***nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we
advocate for justice and social action. We love and
care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout
the world.***

GATHERING WORDS

Our God is a welcoming God. They welcome everyone.

We each have a spark of the Divine within us.

As a community, we acknowledge and give thanks
today for the gifts of respect, diversity, inclusion and
justice. We should never be shy about proclaiming our
welcome.

We each have a spark of the Divine within us.

All people are equal before the Divine spirit of God.
Truly, all are welcome in this place.

We each have a spark of the Divine within us.

May we seek and find the spark of the Divine within us.
May we feel the presence of the Divine as we gather
here, as we enjoy the gathering of our community this
week, and as we go forth for the rest of the year.

We each have a spark of the Divine within us.

May we seek and find our best selves with the help of the Divine within us. May we find the courage to live with integrity; the strength to help those who need our support; the compassion to forgive those whose prejudice overcomes their love.

We each have a spark of the Divine within us.

May we seek and find love with the help of the Divine within us as we celebrate God's presence together.

Amen

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM

What a Wonderful World
arr. Mark Hayes

SPECULATION

What's so great about today?

WE RESPOND

WE SING MV #178

Who Is my Mother?

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community

All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity

Sharing, caring, learning, growing

Rising to each neighbour's needs

Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus
leads

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNITY

PRESENTATION OF AFFIRMING CERTIFICATE

WE SHARE THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all,

and also with you.

WE SING VU #471 Eat this Bread and Never Hunger

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here and now.

Our Creator is always with us.

Let us open our hearts.

***We open our hearts to the Wisdom of the
Cosmos***

Let us give thanks for the source of life.

It is good to celebrate holy relationships.

Blessed are you, gracious God...

...So it is that we join the song of all creation to
proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy one,

Source of life and love!

The chaosmos is filled with your charm!

Hosanna through the ages!

***Blessed is the one who comes to bring liberation
to all!***

Born to an unwed mother living in an occupied
country....

...that our lives may sing the mystery of faith:

Jesus has died

Yet Christ is with us

In creative transformation

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

Amen.

We gather these and all our prayers, thankful that we
may turn to you, as pray the prayer that Jesus
taught us all those years ago:

***Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,***

*thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:*

*For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

WE SING VU #466

Eat this Bread

TIME OF SILENCE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING MV #209

Go Make a Diff'rence

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE