

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

21 JULY
2019



A Balanced Life

St. John's United Church

An Affirming, Fully Inclusive Ministry

Welcome to all worshipping with us today.

If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign the guest book in the church entryway and include your email address if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter. After the service, you are invited to come downstairs to share in a cup of coffee or tea and some conversation.

Families with babies/toddlers are invited into the Family Room (opposite the main entrance to the Church, at the back of the Sanctuary). Older children are welcomed into Worship with the rest of the congregation. Activity packs are available for them to take into Worship.

Hymnals indicated by: **VU**–Voices United & **MV**–More Voices

**You are invited to stand, if it is comfortable for you.*

Prelude *Ken Dalgleish*

Welcome, Acknowledgement, Announcements *Joan Hibbard*

Gathering Hymn *Gather Us In* **MV# 7**

Invocation & Lighting the Christ Candle

May the light of Jesus Christ, **become the light in our hearts.**

May the light in our heart, **become the peace in our world.**

Hymn *Deep in Our Hearts* **MV# 154**

Call to Worship *Deb Crispin*

In the midst of our busyness and activity

God calls us into listening to the voice of the Holy.

In the stillness of our listening

God calls us into service for each other and the world.

May our hearts be open to listen and respond.

***Hymn** *Oh a Song Must Rise* **MV# 142**

***Opening Prayer**

As we gather, we acknowledge our need for connection
to you, loving Creator, each other, and the earth.

**We open our hearts and minds to you,
to songs that might lift our spirits, truths we might hear,
that would encourage and challenge us along our way.**

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ saying:**

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours
with a handshake, a hug, or with hands together in prayer.*

Regathering Refrain *Gather Us In* **MV# 7**
Gather us in, ground us in you.

Spirit Sightings

Responsive & Scripture Readings

Deb Crispin

There is a Time
Luke 10:38-42

May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder,
as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.
Thanks be to God.

Summer Music

Reflection Keeping Balanced *Joan Hibbard*

Moment for Silent Reflection

Hymn *Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving* **MV# 185**

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus in Song **VU# 959**

Invitation for Giving

Offertory *Ken Dalglish*

*Doxology *Behold I Make All Things New* **MV# 115**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Giver of Life, we acknowledge
that all that we have comes from you.
We give thanks for all your goodness to us.
May these gifts be used to share your love in the world,
to bring hope into despair,
light into darkness and joy into sorrow.
Amen.**

*Hymn *We Will Take What You Offer* **MV# 196**

*Blessing

*Song to Go *We Will Take What You Offer* **MV# 196**

Welcoming Statement

St. John's United Church
is loving and growing
with God at the centre of all things.
We are a creative Christian community that:
delights in diversity,
reaches out with compassion,
loves learning and laughing together,
sings its heart out, and
can never have enough potluck meals.



We gratefully acknowledge that we are gathered on
the unceded ancestral lands of the *shishálh* First Nation.



Thank you to those who contributed to our worship service this morning:
readers, greeters, refreshment makers, musicians, to name just a few!

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES:

- ♦ **NOTE:** The chairs **DO NOT** need to be put away after the service today.
- ♦ Clean-up brought to you by the letters: **A, M, T, W**
Those whose last name begins with these letters are asked to help with
cleaning up after our time of coffee, tea and fellowship together.

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St. John's Announcements

July 21, 2019

◆ Upcoming Services

July 28 - led by Sandi Parker, designated Lay Minister from Highland's United in North Vancouver. Sandi (who is currently on Sabbatical) has worshiped with us a number of times and is now living in Sechelt with (newly retired) husband, Nick.

August 4 - Rev. Jamie Bushell officially begins on Aug. 1 and will lead her first worship service with us that Sunday.

◆ Here's what I learned from last Saturday's Tailgate Sale:

- * It pays to advertise.
- * The Creator answers prayers for good weather.
- * Logistics angels are worth their weight in gold!
- * Mary Bittroff does sell the best hot dogs on the coast, AND can participate in a tailgate event and conduct two weddings all in one day!
- * Some people can sell things out of a wheelbarrow.
- * It's possible to work hard and have fun at the same time.
- * If you build it, they will come. . . and they did!
- * I was hoping we could make \$2,000, but really had no idea what to expect.
- * When this family of faith works together, amazing things happen.
- * The final total of proceeds from the Tailgate Sale is just over \$3,500!

Well done, good and faithful! Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your help and support! - *Cheryl Palm*, Keeping the Lights On

◆ **New Outreach Opportunity!** Are you interested in being part of a new Let Our Lights Shine outreach ministry starting in September? We will be providing lunch every Monday (sandwiches, fruit, veggies) to hungry students at Davis Bay Elementary School who have no lunch. Although the cost will be covered through our Outreach budget, we are looking to create a small team of volunteers willing to take on one Monday a month or six weeks (depending on how many volunteers we have) to prepare and deliver the lunch. If interested, please speak with Joan Hibbard or sign up in the narthex.

There is a Time

A responsive reading

There is a time to help . . .

And there is a time to let someone else help.

There is a time to work . . .

And there is a time to take a break and renew your spirit.

There is a time to lead . . .

And there is a time to let someone else figure out what to do.

There is a time to repair . . .

And there is a time to go buy a new one.

There is a time to offer help . . .

And there is a time to let them learn on their own.

There is a time to clean . . .

And there is a time to make a little more mess first.

There is a time to start a new, ambitious project . . .

**And there is a time to stop and see
that none want to work on that project right now.**

There is a time to worry about what will happen next . . .

**And there is a time to trust that even though unseen,
there is a future coming.**

And there is a time to speak up . . .

And there is a time to just stop.

Luke 10:38-42

NRSV

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'



Holy Manners

Keep God at the centre of all things.
 Listen to everyone with curiosity & respect
 & without interruption.
 Welcome the conflict of ideas.
 Speak for yourself and not anyone else.
 Separate people from problems.
 Respect the decisions of the church.

ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING WEEK EVENTS

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Sun	21	9:20 am 10:00 am	Contemplative Prayer Worship Service	Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary
Mon	22	10:00 am	Qigong Ministry	Sanctuary
Fri	26	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	McElroy Home
Sun	28	9:20 am 10:00 am	Contemplative Prayer Worship Service Celebrations during Coffee Time	Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary Lower Hall