

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 06<sup>OCT</sup> 2019



# 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 join us in the narthex 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.

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

Congregational responses are in **BOLD** print.

*\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

## Prelude

### ☞ GATHERING & GREETING ☞

## Welcome

## Acknowledgement

*Ian Poole*

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

## Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us that Jesus' light shines within us.

**We give thanks for the light of Christ.**

**\*Gathering Song**      *Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary*      **MV# 18**

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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 Song**      *Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary*      **MV# 18**

## Call to Worship

This is God's world.

**We come to worship our Creator  
and to celebrate the many gifts and givers  
God has called to faith.**

We share in a vision of the world joined as one family.

**For the vision we are given and for the love that we share:  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn**      *This is God's Wondrous World*      **VU# 296**

## Prayer

Holy One, around many tables

Your people are gathered today.

We say your name and sing your praise in many, many ways.

**As we open our hearts, we all have this in common:  
your love expressed in simple things transforms our lives  
and gives us hope and inspiration.**

**Bless us as we seek to live in your way.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      *God Help us to Treasure*                      **MV# 147**

**✠ LISTENING ✠**

**Scripture Reading**                      Luke 17:5-10 (text on p. 7)                      *Ian Poole*  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen**

**Choir Anthem**                      *Come and Share Our Bread*                      by Tom Council

**Sermon**    *Rev. Jamie Bushell*

**✠ RESPONDING ✠**

**\*Hymn**                      *Long Ago and Far Away*                      **MV# 195**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**An Invitation to Offer**

**Offertory**

**\*Presenting Our Gifts**                      *What Can I Do*                      **MV# 191**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

God's wonderful gifts have blessed our lives  
and we are grateful to be able to share.  
May these gifts work wonders in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**✠ BLESSING OF BREAD, CUP & PEOPLE ✠**  
*see p. 6*

**Work of the Church / Announcements**

**\*Hymn**                      *If Our God Had Simply Saved Us* vs. 1-2, 13-15                      **VU# 131**

**✠ BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING ✠**

\* The Holy One who brought us together here,  
is the One who walks with us on our way.  
May the Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer  
bless and keep us, now and always. **Amen.**

**\*Go With God**                      *I am Walking a Path of Peace*                      **MV# 221**

**Postlude**

# 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.



**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** need to be put away after the service today. Please stack like colors and types (arms vs no arms) 8 chairs tall, away from the wall.
- ♦ Clean-up brought to you by the letters: **S, I, O, Q, N**  
Those whose last name begins with these letters are asked to help with cleaning up after our time of coffee, tea and fellowship together.

## St. John's United Church

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# St. John's Announcements

October 6, 2019

♦ **Sunday October 20** Jamie's Covenanting Service

There will be a potluck following. Please sign-up on sheet in Narthex indicating what food you will be bringing.

♦ **The Lower Hall is Open!** Join us for coffee/tea in the Lower Hall as we celebrate the completion of its restoration.

♦ **Contemplative Prayer** (Song, Silence, Space) - Come and find a quiet Center - Be at Peace - Simply - BE - Sundays (9:20 - 9:45 am) in the Ross Armstrong Room.

♦ **St. John's Quilters and Friends:** our quilting sessions will begin again this coming week. We will be in the Lower Hall for Wednesdays, October 9 and 23, and November 13 and 27. We set up between 9.30 and 10 am, and sew until 2.30 or 3pm. Please bring your own lunch if you plan to stay. Folks who sew, press, cut, or even make coffee for us are all welcome. Feel free to drop by during our sessions to see what we are up to!

♦ **Thankful Hearts Give With Joy and Compassion:**

The Worship & Arts Team invites you to practise kindness and compassion by donating to the Sechelt Food Bank. On Thanksgiving Sunday, October 13, we will decorate the worship space with symbols of the harvest season. We are inviting all people at worship to bring items that build a bounty of good food for us to give to the Food Bank. Items always needed are: tinned meat and fish, pasta, canned beans, canned fruit/vegetables, boxed macaroni & cheese, rice, and peanut butter. Personal care products such as soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products are always appreciated. We would welcome donations of paper bags, and reusable cloth bags to give to Food Bank users as well. Bring your gifts right to the front of the church where you will be helped to place them among the other symbols of Creation's abundance and God's grace!

♦ **Church Board** A summary of the September 19 Board meeting was attached to last week's and this week's *What's Happening* email. The full minutes and summary are posted in the hallway outside the offices.

♦ **Arrowhead Open House** St. John's is a supporter of Arrowhead and has been invited to this event on October 10, 1:30-3 pm at the Arrowhead Clubhouse, 5557 Inlet Ave, Sechelt. It is in celebration of World Mental Health Day. Come for coffee and goodies, get a tour and find out how they have been supporting people in the community for over 25 years.

## ✠ BLESSING OF BREAD, CUP & PEOPLE ✠

### The Call to Give Thanks

May God be with us.

**God is here among us.**

Let us open our hearts to the One who is Love.

**We open our hearts to Holy Love and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to the Creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Communion Litany

You are the Holy One.

All things are yours.

You give us life.

You give us the world to share.

Though we have sinned

You love us still!

We know your grace

through Jesus Christ, your Son.

He shared our life.

He shows your way.

He suffered and died

revealing your truth.

He rose from the dead.

He lives with you.

You sent your Spirit,

to live with us.

Blow Holy Wind

Burn Holy Fire.

This bread is Life,

this cup is Love.

Come Lord Jesus.

Come in your power.

Come with hope and love.

May all be one in you.

Join us with all

persons and creation,

past, present and future

as now we sing

**ALL SING:**

**Amen.**

**Amen.**

**Amen.**

**Amen, Amen!**

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**Amen, Amen!**

### The Prayer of Jesus in Song

VU# 959

## **Breaking the Bread, Lifting and Pouring the Cup**

The bread of compassion. The cup of community.

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Music for Communion**

### **Blessing Station**

at the Sanctuary Entrance

*Operine Banton*

*During this time of Communion you are invited to receive  
a blessing for yourself, or for someone else.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**We give you thanks, O God,  
that you have blessed us at this table,  
as you have blessed your people  
at many tables around the world this day.  
May our eating and drinking together  
be a sign of your kin-dom  
as we go forth in your name  
to love and serve the world. Amen.**

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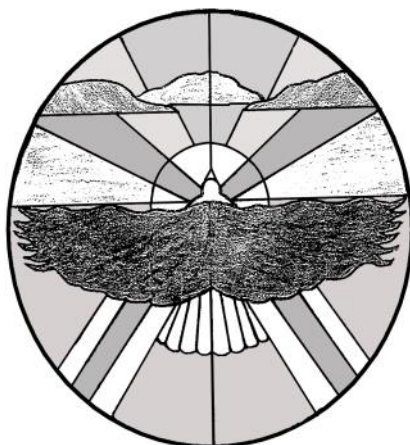
## **Luke 17:5-10**

NRSV

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’

The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’



## 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.

ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING WEEK EVENTS				
Sun	06	9:20 am 10:00 am	Contemplative Prayer Communion Service	Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary
Mon	07	10:00 am	Qigong Ministry	Sanctuary
Tues	08	4:00 pm	KLO Meeting	Lower Hall
Wed	09	9:30 am	St. John's Quilters	Lower Hall
Thurs	10	10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Called to Care Team Healing Touch Ministry St. John's Choir	Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary Sanctuary
Fri	11	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	McElroy Home
Sun	13	9:20 am 10:00 am	Contemplative Prayer Worship Service	Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary