**First United Church**

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith, proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

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August 12, 2018 @ 10:30am

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*MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD*

*Pastoral Minister: Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori*

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*Secretary/Treasurer: Lori Hoffman*

*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

**12th Sunday of Pentecost Sunday**

Worship Service

Sunday, August 12, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Chris Ross

***Notes***: Asterisk (\*) – You may stand if comfortable doing so

**VU** = Voices United **MV** = More Voices

***Musical/Choral Prelude***

1. **MV#30** *“It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker”*

**And by the Spirit you and I can join our voices to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

1. **MV#18** *“Lord, Prepare Me…” (2x)*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

***Opening Prayer***

***Call to Worship*** *(Psalm 20:6-9)*

One: The Lord gives victory to his anointed.

**All: He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the**

 **victorious power of his right hand.**

One: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

**All: but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**

One: They are brought to their knees and fall,

**All: but we rise up and stand firm.**

One: Lord, give victory to the king!

**All: Answer us when we call!**

***Life and Work of the Church [see insert]***

***Welcoming of Visitors***

***Greetings: Peace of Christ (****Halle, Halle, Halle****)***

***Song of Praise***: “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High” (2x)

 **Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.**

 **I’m so glad You’re in my life; I’m so glad You came to save us.**

 **You came from heaven to earth to show the way,**

 **From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.**

 **From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;**

 **Lord, I lift Your name on high!**

***Prayer***

***The Lord’s Prayer***

***Hymn:* MV#188 “I Thank You, Thank You Jesus”**

*The children may go to the Activity Room with Marcie Hill during the singing of the hymn*

***Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-33***

*Reader: This is the Word of God*

***All: Thanks be to God***

***The Message:* “Why Did Jesus Die?”**

***Offertory***

***Hymn of Dedication***

 **God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

 **May our lives, do Your will, guide and guard us forever.**

 **Give us courage to stand for truth, help us give to others.**

 **God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

***Offertory Prayer***

***\*Closing Hymn:* MV#42** *“Praise God For This Holy Ground”*

***\* Benediction/Sending Forth***

***Threefold Amen***

***Commissioning Hymn:* MV#209***“Go Make A Diff’rence”*

**Go make a diff’rence, We can make a diff’rence.**

 **Go make a diff’rence in the world.**

 **Go make a diff’rence. We can make a diff’rence.**

 **Go make a diff’rence in the world.**

***\* Musical Postlude***

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**August 12, 2018**

Rev. Emmanuel Ofori is on vacation for the month of August.

Rev. John Brown will be covering for Pastoral Emergencies.

If you have a Pastoral Emergency, please call Rev. Brown @ 519-633-3894.

(Lori is on vacation this week.)

**Happy birthday to**: Emily Apfelbeck, Riley Apfelbeck, Curtis Apfelbeck, Carlene MacMenamin, Cameron Scott, Justin Chute.

**Happy anniversary to**: Ray & Lisa Bosveld.

**TODAY:** \***Faith Activity Room** for children 4 & up in the

Music Room.

\*Join us in the Fellowship Room for **refreshments** following

the worship service!

**Upcoming Dates & Events**

If you’d like to volunteer to serve **Summer Lemonade in the**

**Fellowship Room** following Sunday worship please call Ruth

Zions @ 226-289-3055.

**Don’t forget to register for Vacation Bible Camp**!!

There are still spaces available!

