**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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February 10, 2019 @ 10:30am

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*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

###### ORDER OF SERVICE

***Opening Prayer/Songs/Choruses***

1. *“That’s Why We Praise Him”* (Chorus only)

**That’s why we praise him, that’s why we sing**

**That’s why we offer him our everything**

**That’s why we bow down, and worship this King**

**‘Cause He gave His everything**

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1. **MV#51** *“Yahweh Be Praised” (2x)*

 **Yahweh be praised in the heavens.**

 **Yahweh be praised in the streets.**

 **Yahweh be praised with our singing**

 **when in worship we meet.**

 **Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised.**

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1. *“How Majestic is Your Name” (2x)*

**Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth.**

**O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.**

**O Lord we praise Your name, O Lord we magnify Your name.**

**Prince of Peace, mighty God. O Lord God Almighty.**

1. *“Awesome God” (2x)*

**Our God is an awesome God, and reigns from heaven above**

**with wisdom, pow’r and love, Our God is an awesome God.**

***Circle Time***

***Ministry of Music –*** *Senior Choir*

***Welcome/Notices***

***Invitation to Invest in God’s Mission***

***Offertory Hymn/Prayer 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.***

***Songs/Choruses***

1. **MV#3** *“River” (2x)*

**River, rush-a-down to the ocean blue.**

**River from a mountain high.**

**River, as you do what rivers do,**

**River, draw the Spirit nigh.**

1. **VU#646** *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”*

**We are marching in the light of God,**

**we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God,**

**we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching,**

**marching, we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,**

**we are marching it the light of God.**

***Scripture Old Testament Reading: John 9:24-27***

***Hymn of Preparation – VU #343 “****I love to Tell the Story”*

***The Message:* “Tell Your Story”**

***Prayer***

***\*Closing Hymn: VU*** *#298 “When You Walk From Here” (2x)*

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here, walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God’s humble care.**

***\* Benediction***

***\* Commissioning Hymn:* VU#884***“You Shall Go Out With Joy” (2x)*

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;***

***the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;***

***there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field***

***will clap, will clap their hands!***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,***

***the trees of the field will clap their hands,***

***the trees of the field will clap their hands***

***while you go out with joy!***

***\* Musical Postlude***

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

Every believer is commissioned to bring people to Jesus. The Lord is not asking us to do something impossible or impractical. It is simply giving a friend, family member or neighbor a priceless gift that would last forever. You can do that by introducing him or her to Jesus, the One who can change a life and guarantee eternal life in Heaven.

As the year 2019 unfold, you can:

* Pray for one person
* Share with one person the love of God in Jesus
* Invite one person to church

Here are a few tips for sharing the Gospel with others:

1. **Build a relationship first.**

Get to know your friend and let them get to know you.

1. **Be yourself.**

Don't try to use churchy words or spiritual expressions. Talk to your friend conversationally.

1. **Tell Your Story**
* Tell him or her what your life was like before you became a Christian and how Jesus has made a difference in your life.
* Simply share how you received God’s promises of acceptance, forgiveness, assurance, and eternal life. We are fully accepted and entirely forgiven. (John 1:12; 6:37, 40)

**Think about this:**

* There is room for one more.
* **One person at a time.**

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**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**February 10, 2019**

**Happy birthday to**: - Marg Sanderson, Noah Derganc, Vayda Harris, Joe Fellows, Gerry Derganc, Gerdy MacKay.

**\*TODAY:** You are invited to gather in the Assembly Hall for our Annual Meeting following worship. Refreshments & Snacks will be served.

**This week:**

**Tuesday: \*EarlyON Playgroup** in the AH - 9:30 – 11:30am

**\*Finance Committee** @ 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room

**\*Property Committee** @ 6:30pm in Room 3

**\*Official Board Meeting** @ 7:00pm in the Music Room

**Thursday –** \***First Youth** with Chris Ross (grades 8-12 every week) & Justin Chute (grades 5-7 every other week) in the Gym from 7-8:15pm.

**\*Sr. Choir @ 7:30pm** in the Music Room- come and give it a try!

**Minister’s Drop-In Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 12 Noon

*\*Other times available by appointment, call 519-631-7570 ext. 22*

***Future Dates / Events***

*\*Informal Services – Sun., February 24 (2nd & last Sunday/month)*

*\*Communion – Sunday, March 3*

*\*Pancake Supper - Tuesday, March 5 – 4:30 to 7pm*

*\*Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, March 6 (time: TBA)*

*\*Official Board Executive – Tuesday, March 19 (note date change)*

*\*Anniversary Sunday – March 31st*

*\*Spring Rummage Sale – Saturday, April 27 from 8:30-11:30am*

*Donations being accepted now ☺*