

# 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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## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Reader: Maureen Kolot

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

\* You are invited to stand

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

\*WE SING MV #79

Spirit, Open My Heart

GATHERING WORDS

We gather seeking a better world through life in Christ, as disciples of Jesus of Nazareth. But who is this Jesus?

***Who do you say I am?***

Moses? Elijah? John the Baptizer?

***Who do you say I am?***

The Son of Man? The Child of Humanity?  
The Human One?

***Who do you say I am?***

The Suffering Servant? The Prince of Peace? Teacher,  
Healer, Liberator?

***Who do you say I am?***

Kristos? The Christ? The Messiah? The Anointed One?

***Who do you say I am?***

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WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

***...Unknowable Mystery,***

***We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.***

***May the “kin-dom” flourish among us.***

***May we have only what we need each day that all  
might have enough and more tomorrow.***

***May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we  
have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.***

***May we be strengthened through our trials; and may  
we face evil with courage, truth and love.***

***As we pray in Jesus’ name, may we also walk in his  
way. Amen.***

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.***

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

\*WE SING

Oil in My Lamp

## **WE LISTEN**

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

***may we find wisdom for living.***

ANTHEM

In You There Is a Refuge  
by Linnea Good

SPECULATION

## **WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING MV #80

Beyond the Beauty and the Awe

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE

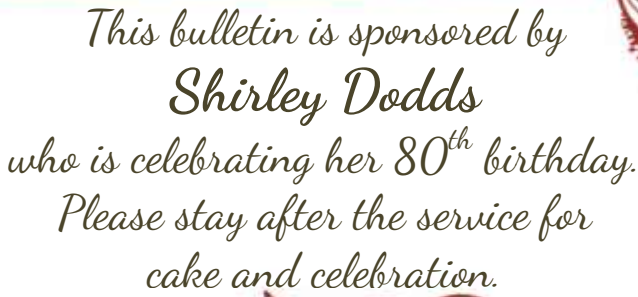
Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community

All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity

Sharing, caring, learning, growing





*This bulletin is sponsored by  
Shirley Dodds  
who is celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Please stay after the service for  
cake and celebration.*

**Mission**

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**Vision**

*We seek* a better world through life in Christ, as disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

*We seek* to live up to our Treaty 4 promises.

*We see suffering.* We seek comfort, health, and happiness for all. We acknowledge the pain of the world and insist that this pain cannot be endured forever.

*We see exclusion.* We seek inclusion; all are welcome no matter your gender identity or sexual orientation, whether you are old or young, whether you are rich or poor, whatever your ethnicity, whether you're indigenous, settler or immigrant, whatever your ability, whatever your spiritual beliefs. Indeed, we welcome all to share in all aspects of our spiritual life including membership, leadership, celebration of marriage and life passages.

*We see injustice.* We seek justice, peace, and right relationship with God, our neighbour, and the Earth. We seek an inclusive, just and loving community called to alleviate suffering and to break the cycles of inequality and injustice in our world.