

# 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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## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Stewardship Committee

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

\* You are invited to stand

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

\*WE SING MV #1

Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***Refrain:***

***All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **R**

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed

as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **R**

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## GATHERING WORDS

The beginning of a line is a single point.

***The beginning of a library is just one book.***

The beginning of a journey is a single step.

***The beginning of a flood is one drop of water.***

The beginning of God's kindom is in each decision we  
make, to live God's love;

***in reaching out to those around us,  
to bring food to those who are hungry,  
and water to those who thirst;***

in reaching out to those around us,  
to shelter and clothe those who are naked,  
to visit the sick and those imprisoned;

***in reaching out to those around us,  
we worship God.***

We worship God.

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

A keeper of the Law walked up to Jesus and asked him,

**"Teacher, what is the greatest commandment?"**

Jesus replied,

**"Love God with all that you are."**

As the man turned away to think about what he had  
heard, Jesus said,

**"Wait! There is a second one  
just like the first:**

**Love your neighbour**

**in the same way**

**you are to love yourself."**

(Lighting the candle)

This Great Commandment shines on, and shines  
through, all things: the writings of the Law, the words  
of the prophets, every moment of our lives!

***In every moment, Christ's light shines! Alleluia!***

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

\*WE SING

All God's Children  
arr. Eidsness

***Refrain:***

***All God's creatures got a place in the choir,  
Some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or  
anything they've got now!***

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big t' do,  
And the old cow just goes, 'Moo!' **R**

The dogs and the cats, they take up the middle,  
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles.  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old coyote howls. **R**

Listen to the top where the little birds sing  
On the melodies with the high notes ringing.  
The hoot owl hollers over ev'rything  
And the jaybird disagrees. **R**

## **WE LISTEN**

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

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

ANTHEM

Order My Steps  
arr. Jack Schrader

SPECULATION

## **WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING VU #701                      What Does the Lord Require

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

Rising to each neighbour's needs

Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus leads

\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*WE SING VU #713                      I See a New Heaven

\*WORDS OF MISSION & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE