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.

Minister: Cindy Bourgeois (on Sabbatical) Office Coordinator: Tina Blair Youth Coordinator: Hannah Dove Caretaker: Jon Weichel Choir Director: Sarah Stubbe President: Stephanie Dove Vice-President: Dan Holbrow Past President: David Kyle Secretary: Al Goudie Treasurer: Jim Chernick

7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 24, 2019 10:30 a.m. Assisting in Worship

Presider: Esther Guillen Reader: June Blau

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics. * You are invited to stand

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING MV #142

Oh, A Song Must Rise

GATHERING WORDS

I am Zacchaeus, clamoring and climbing for a better view of you.

Seek me out, Jesus, even as I search and wait and long for you.

I am Simon Peter, wading through the water to be close to you.

Seek me out, Jesus, even as I search and wait and long for you.

I am Susanna,

traveling alongside you to make a way for good news.

Seek me out, Jesus, even as I search and wait and long for you.

I am Mary, sitting still with you to soak in your words.

Seek me out, Jesus, even as I search and wait and long for you.

I am a woman at the well and a woman at the table, seeking a drink and a crumb.

Seek me out, Jesus, even as I search and wait and long for you.

Adapted from Rachel Hackenberg Seeking Jesus (Lent 36)

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 LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

VU #956

Your Word is a Lamp

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light unto my path.

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SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Gift of Music

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM

SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

WE SING MV #10

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Psalm 37 (VU p.763)

Do not fret because of the wicked, or envy those who do evil.

For they soon wither like grass and fade away like the green leaf. Trust in God and do good;

dwell in the land and there find safe

pasture.

Find your delight in God,

who will grant the desires of your heart.

Refrain: Commit your way to God and trust the One who takes your part.

God will make your vindication shine like the light,

the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Be still before God and wait patiently;

do not fret because some prosper in evil schemes.

Let go of anger and abandon wrath.

Do not fret - it can only do harm. R

Those who do evil shall be cut off,

but those who look to God shall inherit the earth.

In a little while the wicked will be no more;

you will look where they were

and their place will be empty.

But the meek shall inherit the earth;

they shall enjoy fullness of peace.

Salvation for the righteous comes from God, their refuge in time of trouble.

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God helps and delivers,

and rescues from the wicked those who seek shelter. *R*

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WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE OFFERTORY *OUR RESPONSE VU #236

Now Thank We All Our God (v.1)

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,

who wondrous things has done,

in whom this world rejoices;

who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING VU #670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, Let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

through the storm, through the night,

lead me on to the light:

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,

precious Lord, linger near,

when my life is almost gone,

hear my cry, hear my call,

hold my hand lest I fall:

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears,

and the night draws near and the day is past and gone, At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night,

lead me on to the light:

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The bulletin this week is provided courtesy of Angelina and Dan Beveridge on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary February 8.