

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

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Past President: David Kyle

Secretary: Al Goudie

Treasurer: Jim Chernick

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 10, 2019 10:30 a.m.

BEING COMMUNITY

Service led by John Whyte,
assisted by Naomi Beingsner and Sam Korevaar

PRELUDE

WELCOMING HYMN VU #563 Jesus, You Have Come
to the Lakeshore (V.1-3)
(remain seated)

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY PRAYER and PRAYER OF JESUS

We come humbly and quietly to join with each other, searching for peace, waiting for the holy

spirit that dwells with us, hungering for belonging.

We belong to each other; we belong to all.

We sing of grace, always present and always waiting to embrace us, giving purpose to our community, and pulling us into healing the darker and the needy world.

All may receive this grace and all may extend it to others.

We sing of our losses and sadness trusting that we shall discover the strength to find love and joy.

We all need the help of others; we all seek to strengthen those who need our help.

We sing of our blessings.

We know our blessings; we know our greatest blessing is a caring spirit.

We sing to all that which has brought us to this moment together, and we feel the grace of it.

PRAYER OF JESUS (Paraphrase)

***Holy presence, source of spirit and grace,
always present reaching everywhere.***

***We yearn for all that makes us whole, and that
brings us into the communion of all joined
together in love.***

***May we become a blessing for every part of
creation.***

***May we know the blessing of care, the
redemption of forgiveness and the grace to
escape the bitterness that blinds us to others'
needs for forgiveness when we have felt injury.***

***May we not be separated from the spirit of
holiness, the love of others and hope that
sustains us. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S TIME The Story of Ship'rah and Pu'rah

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

READINGS

Seamus Heaney, *The Kettle Bed*

Seamus Heaney, *The Cure at Troy*

Stories from the Gospel of Matthew and Gospel
of Luke: *The Samaritan, The Canaanite Woman
and The Afflicted and Possessed*

ANTHEM Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
(Words attributed to Saint Francis;
music by Sebastian Temple,
arr. by Betty Pulkingham)

REFLECTION Seeking Spiritual Community

*HYMN MV #41 O Beautiful Gaia
(In honour of John Haas)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTION 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 other's needs

Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus
leads.

*HYMN MV #144 Like a Healing Stream

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE OF COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION