

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH (Williams Lake)

June 19, 2022

10:00 am

Second after Pentecost & Father's Day

Ministers of the Gospel: Everyone!

Minister of Word, Sacrament & Pastoral Care: Rev Nancy Colton

Music Director: Rocco Catalano

Guest Pianist: Cathy Walsh Stand Up Bass: Hal Giles

Leading the Singing: Michael Bruce

Order of Service

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

The Peace

One: In the name of Jesus, who is alive in each of us, peace to you.

All: And also to you.

Centering for Worship

Hymn – Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

MV 18

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: This is the light of Christ, a promise of Love.

**All: This light shines for us, and for all of creation.
For this we give thanks. Hallelujah!**

Call to Worship

One: Who does God call?

**All: People of all genders, all places;
people of all sorts, all races.**

One: To what does God call us?

**All: To so many things!
To listen and to speak,
to comfort and cajole,**

to help and to heal,

but most of all,

God calls us to ...

One: Yes?

**All: God calls us to love
with a love that is beyond our imaging,
with a love which is beyond our ability,
with a love that is beyond ourselves.**

One: From where does that love come?

**All: It comes through Christ,
with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
It comes from God.**

One: And so, in this love, with this love,
Sharing this love,

All: we worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn – Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

VU 651

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 42 – *As the deer pants for the water* **(sung)** VU pp. 766-767

Galatians 3:23-29 No longer Jew or Greek, male or female; all are
one in Christ

Luke 8:26-39 Jesus heals a man filled with demons

Sermon

Hymn – In Christ there is no east or west

VU 606

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

VU 959

The Life and Work of our Congregation*

Hymn – *Go now in peace*

VU 964

Blessing and Commissioning

One: The world is waiting for a message of love and new life;
Go and proclaim this message will all that you have and
and all that you are.

All: **We go, knowing that we are not alone. Amen!**

Sung Amen

VU 974

*Full credits & acknowledgments
are in the Presider's copy of the service.*

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The Life and Work of the Congregation

Thank you for being with us this morning, in the sanctuary or in your home, I'm so glad you've chosen to come.

COVID Protocols – Thank you for wearing your mask when we sing, for supporting a mask-friendly environment throughout the building, and for staying home when you're not feeling well.

Offering/Collection Baskets – are available to put your offering into – on a table on the left-hand side as you enter the sanctuary through the doors nearest Huckvale Place. Thank you for your support.

Wanted – SOMEONE TO LEAD WORSHIP on SUNDAY, JULY 3rd.
If you're available, willing and interested, please speak to one of the Worship Committee members (John Christoffersen, Linda Sullivan, Judy Fletcher, or Rev Nancy) as soon as possible. Thank you for considering.

Offering Counter Coordinator and Offering Counters – With Barry leaving for Alberta, we are in need of someone to coordinate the offering counters. We are also in need of more offering counters. If either of these

opportunities to serve interest you, please speak to Barry at your earliest convenience. Thank you for considering these opportunities.

A report on the PMRC Annual Meeting from your Lay Representative –

As your lay representative, I attended, along with Rev Nancy, the PMRC Annual General Meeting June 9-12, in Prince George.

The theme and focus scripture was “Rooted and Grounded in Love.”
Ephesians 3:14-21.

It was an uplifting, joyous, and energizing gathering.

Some of the many highlights for me were:

- Listening to the key note speaker Jeff Chu. His 4 sessions were thought provoking, humorous, and, at times, emotional. His message in a nutshell; you are loved, you are loved, you are loved.
- The celebration of Ordination and Commissioning held Sunday morning.
- The celebration of PMRC becoming an Affirming Region.
- making connections with many old friends and new with many conversations at lunch, etc.
- Meeting in-person with a community of like-minded, faith-filled people.
- Appreciating the hybrid meeting format so that around 160 people joined us by Zoom making the in-person gathering much smaller than in pre-Covid times. (About 168 people attended in person.)

To be present at this spirit-filled gathering was a privilege. I left with a energized, empowered feeling.

Janet Whalley

Upcoming Sunday Services:

June 26th – Nancy is in Williams Lake. Communion Sunday. Worship will be in person and on Zoom. Communion will be celebrated. A Congregational Conversation will follow the service in person and on Zoom.