

Sunday September 15, 2019

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Welcome

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

Song: “*Stand By Me*”

Words & Music: Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller

Song: “*In the Quiet Curve of Evening*”

Words & Music: Julie Howard

Song: “*Top of the World*”

Words & Music: Richard Carpenter & John Bettis

Children’s Conversation

Song: “*God is Here*”

Words & Music: Chris Griffen

Special Music: “*Feeling Good*”

Anthony Newley & Leslie Bricusse

As Our Offering Is Collected

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Song: “*I Heard God’s Voice*”

Words & Music: Christopher Giffen

Scripture: Genesis 2: 4b-3:24

Midrash: “*Do you know how I feel God?*”

Marc Gellman

Message: “*Life Inside vs Outside the Garden*”

Mark Green

Song: “*I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free*”

Words & Music: Bill Taylor & Dick Dallas

Benediction

Reprise

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PROGRAM BROCHURE 2019-20: You can pick up your copy of our new program brochure for the upcoming year. This is once again a joint offering of the 2 congregations as we move forward together. There are many familiar program offerings that will continue, in addition there are some new study group offerings for this fall/winter. Grab a copy and Mark your Calendars!

RECONCILIATION DAY: Orange Shirt Day – Sun Sept 29th

As part of our ongoing commitment and participation in reconciliation we will be observing this day on Sunday Sept 29th. We are again asking the whole congregation to wear an orange shirt on that day as a sign of solidarity with the process and recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee and in recognition of the genocide we participated in with residential schools.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: are available for those requesting them. If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin or seeing the words on the screen, just let Meghan in the office know and she will be happy to create a large print bulletin with song lyrics in it for you. It will then be available for you with the ushers on Sunday mornings with your name on it.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP- SESSION 1: THE LORD’S PRAYER – PRAYING FOR REVOLUTION: Starting this Thursday Sept 19th is the Thursday Study Group. These sessions are built to allow flexibility knowing that people’s schedules are busy and one is not always available to attend all sessions. Our first session runs from Sept 19-Oct 24 and explores the radical nature of the Lord’s Prayer, its history, challenges and an invitation

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING(S): As you may have read in the newsletter, we will be having an official vote on Amalgamation with St Aidan’s on Sunday Nov 24th following worship. In preparation for that meeting, council has also called two additional meetings after worship on **Sunday Sept 22** and **Sunday Oct 27th**. There will be information presented by council about what is being proposed and the implications. And there will be plenty of time at both meetings to ask questions and seek additional information leading up to the vote. Next week as well, there will be lists of member and adherents on the bulletin board for you to review and find your name. If you want to vote on the 24th your name must appear on one of those two lists. If they do not contact the office and your names will be forwarded to council to be added to the list

WEST MY FRIEND: Victoria indie-folk trio West My Friend (Jeff Poynter’s band) has reached their 10th birthday, and to celebrate they are releasing their 4th album, *Go to www.westmyfriend.com* to learn more. The Birthday Concert is **Sept 20th** at the Alix Goolden Performance Hall. The doors open at 7:00 with the Concert starting at 7:30. Tickets are: \$25 General | \$20 Student | Low Income (kids under 12 = free!) Tickets are available at Alix Goolden, Ivy’s Books, at alixgooldenhall.com, or from Jeff.

CLIMATE STRIKE: The climate crisis is an emergency. Our house is very much on fire. The status quo has only led to a worsening of this fire, but a change can be felt on the wind. Around the world, millions of people are demanding change and working on solutions to solve the climate crisis. Let’s use our voices and act together to create positive change. Support the Global Youth Climate Strike in Victoria on **Sept 27th**. CBUC and St. Aidan’s will have a banner at the Legislature at 12 noon. Come for an hour or stay for the entire afternoon.

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN – Today after worship: In response to Don Evans’ heartfelt plea on behalf of the increasing number of homeless people in downtown Victoria who want, but cannot find housing, we will have an information and letter-writing station set up in the Hall after today’s service. Paper, pens, names and addresses will all be available, as will sample letters to sign or adapt as your own. Please support this endeavour.

IN THIS TOGETHER – ADULT STUDY: In light of Canadian election having been called and with the increasing polarizations of opinions in our world, this film and discussion series looks the way human community could have these conversations differently. For all our differences, we still are more alike than not. These five films point to areas of fracture with ideas of how we can come together regardless of race, nationality, faith, sexual orientation, as one humanity for the healing of the world.