

**Welcome to Worship at Kamloops United Church**  
**The Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 10, 2018**  
**The 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada**

Opening Music / A Beginning Bell / Time for Quiet Reflection

Words of Welcome

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and Placement of the Prayer Box

Call to Worship: *(based on Psalm 138)*

God is with us.

**God is here.**

We are grateful.

**We praise you, God.**

You have loved us faithfully.

**You are steadfast, Holy One.**

God is with us, in the midst of trouble.

**God is with us in every joy.**

God remembers God's promises to us.

**God's love lasts forever.**

Come, let us worship.

An Opening Prayer

O Creator, today we mark the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

We believe that you call us to seek unity and build bridges, Gracious God, but others accuse us of being wishy-washy and indecisive.

We have responded to your call to follow the Way of Jesus, but others tell us that maybe we aren't really Christians at all.

We seek to take scripture seriously and let it shape our lives, but others tell us we have abandoned your Word.

You tell us to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

You call us to risk everything for the sake of your gospel, but others tell us we have risked too much, questioned too much, and lost our way.

Remind us, Gracious God, of who and whose we are.

Remind us, in scripture, in song, in prayer, of your call and your mission for each of us and for our church.

Remind us, we pray as we celebrate the anniversary of our church. Amen.

Singing: Voices United # 409 'Morning Has Broken'

A Time for Learning – The United Church Crest

Singing: Voices United # 331 'The Church's One Foundation' verses 1-4

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 'So we do not lose heart.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reflection: 'A House Not Made with Hands' – Rev. D. Bruce Comrie

A New Creed: Voices United page 918

The Folk of Note Anthem: 'I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me' by D. & A. Pote

Our Prayers followed by the Lord's Prayer (*sung from Voices United # 959*)

O Creator, your creation provides for all our needs. Help us to care for your creation with the same care that you created everything....

O Christ, your human community can be both beautiful and ugly. Help us to strive for the best that humanity can offer and to reach out with compassion, justice and peace in the places that need it most.....

O Spirit, you sustain us through all the ups and downs of life. Help us to celebrate when we can and to acknowledge our suffering and sorrow when we walk that road as well. Be with those who are ill, coping with illness, injury and treatments. Be with those who are grieving loss. Be with those who are dealing with very difficult situations and especially those on the margins. Be with us we pray for all who are on our hearts and minds, including our own concerns as well....Today we offer our prayers aloud or in silence we pray.....

We offer all our prayers as we sing together the Lord's Prayer.....

Our Offering/Doxology: More Voices # 115 'Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New'

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

The Passing of the Peace:

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Sacrament of Communion

God be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God!**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Let us pray:

O Holy One, during this Season of Pentecost help us to see the Spirit of the Risen Christ among us. Gather us in gratitude as we sing together...

***'Bread for the journey, food for the way.  
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.'***

Creator God, you made humankind in your image, with such a wide and wonderful diversity. We give thanks that all of us are beautiful in your sight and that you call us your beloved children. Gather us in gratitude as we sing together...

***‘Bread for the journey, food for the way.  
Cup of God’s blessing, tomorrow, today.’***

We thank you for sending Jesus Christ to live among us. In his time on earth, Jesus reached out in love to all persons, poor and rich, children, women and men, the sick, the grieving and those who were marginalized. Jesus taught us to do the same.

And Jesus gave us this meal to remember him: taking bread and giving thanks he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,  
‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

Gather us in gratitude as we sing together...

***‘Bread for the journey, food for the way.  
Cup of God’s blessing, tomorrow, today.’***

Let’s pray.....O Creator, we pray that we might know the presence of your Holy Spirit at this table today. Bless each person that we may grow in unity and in your love, to bring your reconciling peace to the world. With these prayers gather us in gratitude as we sing together...

***‘Bread for the journey, food for the way.  
Cup of God’s blessing, tomorrow, today.’***

My friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Come, for all is now prepared!

**Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.  
Jesus Christ, the Cup of Blessing.**

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from around the world, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labour and leisure- that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may serve with peace in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Singing: Voices United # 477 ‘I Come with Joy’

Announcements and Celebrations of the KUC Community

### Commissioning and Benediction

‘But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.’

Let us go forth to share this treasure with others, that we might be reconciled to God, to one another and to the earth.

Let’s go in Peace.....and, let’s go singing....

Sung Closing: More Voices # 156 ‘Dance with the Spirit’

*(Portions of today’s service were adapted from ‘Gathering’ magazine and ‘Seasons of the Spirit’ curriculum. Pentecost 2018. Used with permission.)*

Participating in Today’s Service:

Minister: Rev. D. Bruce Comrie

Music Leadership: Rachel Casponi, Cindy Darwin, Rob Gretsinger and the Folk of Note

Scripture Reader: Chris Dolson

Sound System: Ross Styles

Projection: Sue Sewell

Hosts: Sue Sewell, Marne Chadderton, Marg Montalbetti