

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, June 17th, 2018

Father's Day

Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the EUB
Joining the United Church of Canada

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

**indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *Canaries* F. Couperin

Please rise to sing:

VOICES UNITED **240 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

**CALL TO WORSHIP ...Bill Leithead; Paul, Aiden Glenn

The kingdom of God is like...

a grain of wheat.

The kingdom of God is like...

a mustard seed.

The kingdom of God is like...

a newborn baby.

The kingdom of God is like...

growing in ways we can't even begin to notice or imagine!

The kingdom of God is...

The kingdom of God is!

Alleluia!

**PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)

SOLO *Minuets I and II from Sonata No. 4* J. S. Bach
...Claire Sweeny, flute

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SHARING TIME

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM *Refer to Insert*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

...Martha Reynolds

VOICES UNITED **959**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

RESPONDING IN CARE AND INCLUSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Praise to the Lord* N. Gilbert

VOICES UNITED **540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.
Grant us time and inspiration, with a vision old and new,
that our goal in all our loving may be reached in loving you.**

(verse two by G. Malcolm Sinclair; used with permission)

SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

STORIES OF OUR EUB HERITAGE ...Patricia Brox

VOICES UNITED **508, verses 1 & 2** *Just as I Am*

STORIES OF OUR EUB HERITAGE ...Chuck Faist

VOICES UNITED **508, verses 3 & 4 *Just as I Am*

**GOSPEL BIBLE READING Mark 4: 26-34
For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION "FOREBEARS OF FAITH"

REACHING OUT IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD

VOICES UNITED **288 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Andante and Allegro from Sonata No. 4* J. S. Bach

VISIONING TEAM “SECOND GATHERING” UPDATE

A curious and energetic group has been meeting this spring to help Port Nelson grow forward its Vision Plan. We have had wide-ranging conversation, but we are focusing on three **possible new initiatives**. They are:

- A speaker series involving 3-6 guests over the course of a year on a wide range of topics (times, dates and formats to be determined)
- Growing forward the existing strength of the monthly “Friday Family Fun Nights” – possibly including more activities for all ages in addition to movies for children
- Experimenting with a second service on Sundays at 9am (or another date/time) involving 4-5 different formats and styles on a rotational basis for a 1-year trial period

Our **general timeline** would be as follows:

- Summer 2018: Seek input on these three initiatives from the congregation and community
- Fall 2018: Receive and analyze feedback; confirm initiatives to be implemented and do more detailed planning
- January/February 2019: Announce new initiatives as part of a “grand opening” community event for the renovated space
- April 2019: launch one of the initiatives
- September 2019: launch second and possibly third initiatives

Do any of these initiatives excite you? Are you curious? We need YOUR help in talking to others in the church and the community! We are asking you to be “listening ears” this summer and to let us know what you hear!

Here are some **talking points** we hope many of you will use this summer (at the community barbecue? with families at GLEE Camp? in your circles of friends?) to help us gain insight and input concerning these proposed initiatives:

- The renovations are going well
- We’re excited about the opportunity they present to do some new things
- For example, we could run a speakers series on topics which interesting the community
- We could host a meal followed by a broad range of activities like a movie for kids, small group discussions, games or workshops for a variety of ages
- What are your thoughts about these? Do you have other ideas?

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