

OCT 6TH, 2019 **HOPE UNITED CHURCH** 10:30 AM

Today's bulletin is dedicated by Ronald Herold in loving memory of
father Paul Herold who passed away 39 years ago.

World Communion Sunday

WELCOME

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

Birthday Coins for the Birthday Church!

Happy Birthday to you. To Jesus be true.

May God's richest blessings abide over you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

▲ Opening Song: **MV # 2 Come All You People**

**Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker, (3x)
Come now and worship the Lord.**

U-ya-i mo-se, ti-na-ma-te Mwa-ri, (3x)

U-ya-i mo-se zvi-no.

(Pronunciation guide)

oo-ya-ee moh-say, tee-nah-mah-tay Mwah-ree (3x)

oo-ya-ee moh-say zvee-noh

Call to Worship (responsive)

V 1: Oh, my God -

V 2: Hear the sound of one voice,

P: The sound of one person, calling out to you.

V 1: Oh, my God -

V 2: Hear the sound of one voice,

**P: But the sound of many hearts, beating together,
in praise of life.**

V 1: Oh, my God -

V 2: Hear the sound of one voice,

**P: The sound of one people, celebrating the fact
we are your people.**

V 1: Be our love.

V 2: Be our hope.

P: Be our possibility.

V 1: Oh, my God.

V 2: May we be

P: all that you desire.

Prayer with Song: **MV # 196 We Will Take What You Offer**

We will take what you offer we will live by your word

We will love one another and be fed by you, Lord. 2x

We gather this morning to celebrate worldwide communion. We gather seeking to be aware of our sisters and brothers all around the world who join us at Christ's table, for we are all formed in the Creator's image.

Some who gather will sing and pray, like us, in English, but many more will use other tongues. French, Spanish, Italian, Hebrew, Greek, Russian, Ukrainian, Syrian, Amharic, Portuguese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Cree, Ojibwe, Mowhawk, Mikmawísimk – all these and more. We are all one family as we gather.

May the Creator who meets us here in our worship empower us to live in harmony with all our relations and to love the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

We will take what you offer we will live by your word

We will love one another and be fed by you, Lord. 2x

Growing in Faith

Scripture Luke 17:1-10 (Jacob Riley)

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Luke 17:1-10

For the word of God in scripture, among us and within us...

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music *At the Table of the Lord*

Reflection The Least We Can Do

Celebration of Holy Communion

(on blue insert and on screen)

We Offer our Gifts

Presentation of our Offering: *The Power of Your Love*

Sung Response (VU #538)

***For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.***

▲ Prayer of Dedication

We Journey Forth

▲ Sending Hymn **MV # 199 *When at This Table***

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal **VU # 884 *You Shall Go Out with Joy***

Postlude

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A warm welcome is extended to all.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest book in the church entry.

Newcomers, please fill out a WELCOME card so we can get to know you.

There is a Social Time following worship in the Lower Hall.

#### Thanks to Today's Participants:

**Greeters:**            Riley family

**Announcements:** Margaret Murray

**Elevator:**            Parker Verboom

**Audio/Visual:**      Paul Verboom/Jared Oxner

**Bulletin Folder:**    Kathy Morris

#### Social Time: volunteers are needed to host.

This is an easy, one-time commitment to contribute to the ministry of hospitality at Hope. If you or your group can cover a Sunday, please sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen.

Help Decorate for Thanksgiving: TODAY after church

## Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Table

Leader: In the name of the One who said, I am the bread of life, I invite you to come and eat. In the name of the one who said, I am the true vine, I invite you to come and drink. In the name of the One who said, love one another as I have loved you I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

### ▲ Hymn **MV #194 Bread of Life, Feed My Soul**

#### **Presentation and Blessing of the Bread**

L: We begin now, the presentation and blessing of bread. May our hearts be open to recognize the many ways God has been revealed to us and has nourished us through one another and the people who will be symbolized by this bread.

L: Let **Multi-Grain** bread represent the justice seekers, and all who attempt to live in communion. Let the different fibers and grains blend to make a rich texture, offering a counter cultural alternative to today's rampant individualism. With this bread....

**All: We are fed and strengthened and blessed.**

L: **Pita Bread**, the bread of our Mediterranean brothers and sisters, the bread of people who are used to making do with very little, the unleavened bread with which Jesus would have been so familiar. With this bread...

**All: We are fed and strengthened and blessed.**

L: **Corn Bread**, the bread of our Native Peoples. Let it signify those who believe in preserving and cherishing our earth, those who whisper to the Winds of Change, those who are consumed by the fires of relationship, healed by quiet waters and who touch the earth with gentleness. With this bread...

**All: We are fed and strengthened and blessed.**

L: **Tortillas**, the everyday food of our brothers and sisters in Latin America. Let them symbolize all those people who work in missions, who live in fear, those who seek justice, and those who are the peacemakers. With this bread...

**All: We are fed and strengthened and blessed.**

L: **Rice**, the staple of those from the East. Used for everything from food to medicine. Let us remember that the wise men followed a star in the east. Let it signify for all of us in our journey of faith: those who have long been believers, those who doubt & those who struggle with faith and those who are spiritual guides for others. With this bread...

**All: We are fed and strengthened and blessed.**

L: We share this bread; this food we have in common with all the world's peoples. Just as Jesus took ordinary bread and blessed and broke it, so we ask that this bread may be blessed.

**All: As it nourishes us, may it give us energy for good works: as we share it, may it strengthen our bonds with each other.**

L: We claim these people symbolized by the bread. They are our brothers & sisters; they are ourselves. God calls us to be in community with them.

**All: We bless one another: may we know the truth of our human dignity and foster self-respect in others; may we be treated justly and work courageously for justice for all; may we experience love and give mercy & joy to others; may we know peace in our day, and ourselves be makers of peace.**

L: For that is what God in Christ calls us to be about. Ordinary bread made by ordinary people is holy.

**All: When we take, eat and remember.**

L: Ordinary grapes made into ordinary wine by ordinary people is holy.

**All: When we hold it to our lips and drink and remember.**

L: This bread. Remember Jesus' body was broken for us. This wine. Remember Jesus' life was poured out for you. Bread and wine, from ordinary to holy. Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in the bread and wine may be the body of Christ: light, life and love in the world.

**All: Let us remember.**

**While coming forward you are invited to sing VU # 466**

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.***

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.***

### Prayer After Communion

Holy One, God of bread blessed, broken and shared, may your church be a house filled with the fragrance of love. May the scent of compassion waft into our communities, & draw people together to feast on the bread of justice, peace, & hope. Through Jesus Christ, who is living bread, we pray.  
**Amen.**

Hymn **VU # 959 The Lord's Prayer**

(Adapted from a service by Rev. Catherine MacDonald)

## In the Community

An All Candidates Forum for Halifax riding candidates in the federal election will be held Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm at First Baptist, 1300 Oxford St, Halifax. Organized by First Baptist, FACE of Poverty Consultation and Kairos, two ecumenical groups, the moderated forum will give each candidate an opportunity to address a selection of supplied questions covering important social issues related to poverty and homelessness, the environment, democratic processes and issues related to equality. For more info contact shennigar0@gmail.com

St. John's United Halifax is hosting its monthly Taizé Prayer, Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts. Please use the St. Matthias Lane entrance. All welcome.

Bedford United Friendship Unit UCW will be holding a fun afternoon of cards or games on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm at Bedford United Church hall. Put together a table, bring your cards or favourite game, and join us. The afternoon begins with dessert and ends with door prizes. The cost is \$10.00 per person. For more information, or to book a table, please call Bette Joan Knowles at 902-835-3945 or Mary Louise Mills at 902-835-2017.

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## THROUGH THE WEEK Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

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| <b>Tue</b> | 11:00 am<br>6:00 pm            | Chair Yoga<br>Guiding groups                                  | Parlour<br>Hall/Parlour              |
| <b>Wed</b> | 11:00 am<br>7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm | Seniors potluck lunch<br>Choir practice<br>Mission & Outreach | Hall/Kitchen<br>Hoyt Room<br>Parlour |
| <b>Thu</b> | 11:00 am<br>7:00 pm            | Chair Yoga<br>CL&G                                            | Parlour<br>Parlour                   |
| <b>Fri</b> | 9:30-12                        | Quilters                                                      | Parlour                              |
| <b>Sat</b> | 1-4 pm                         | Language class                                                | Parlour                              |
| <b>Sun</b> | 10:30 am<br>2-3 pm<br>7:00 pm  | Thanksgiving Sunday<br>Dance Class<br>Youth Group             | Hall<br>Hall                         |

## Announcements for October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to Lucy Freake  
who turns 100 on October 9<sup>th</sup>**

A celebration for family & friends will be held on Saturday Oct 12.  
If you would like a number or address to contact Lucy  
please call daughter Carolyn McDiarmid 717-2122

**Food donations for Phoenix:** For **Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>** please consider bringing in donations of **fresh produce** to be placed on or by the Communion Table and it will be donated to the Phoenix Youth Centre on Hunter Street.

**Used Clothing Fundraiser:** The Christian Life & Growth Committee is holding a used clothing sale. Donations of clean, gently-used items (no personal items i.e. undergarments) are welcomed. Drop off donations labelled "Clothing Sale" at the church during office hours. For information see Cathy Nason 455-1417.



The date for the **Gently Used Clothing Sale** is **Saturday, October 19** from 10 am - 1 pm in the Hall. Clothing \$1 Shoes \$2 and Jackets \$5

**Help with Sunday School:** We are looking for Sunday School teachers and helpers as well as Sunday morning youth class helpers. No experience is necessary. An easy-to-use curriculum is provided. If you are interested or want more details, please contact Shanna at shanna.trenaman@dal.ca or 902-446-5155.

**Snack donations for Sunday School & Youth Group:** We are looking for things like goldfish, granola bars, crackers (e.g. Ritz, Veggie Thins), frozen juice concentrate, veggie sticks... This will defray costs for this portion of our programming. Preferably low sugar and nut free.

**Hope needs a New Treasurer** - I am stepping down as Treasurer as of Jan 1, 2020. If you are interested and able to volunteer an average of 4 hours per week and have knowledge of Quick Books, please call or write Sue Hawkes at suehawkes11@gmail.com or 902-483-0728.

**Brunswick Street Breakfast:** Brunswick Street Mission's annual fundraising breakfast is **October 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 am at Pier 21 with guest speaker Lt. Gen. Romeo Dallaire (ret.). See poster on bulletin board.

**FundScrip:** allows our church to turn your everyday spending into ongoing fundraising. Buy gift cards from us or on-line for participating retailers and up to 15% is donated back to the church. Use invitation code **3M3RWE** at [www.fundscrip.com/retailers](http://www.fundscrip.com/retailers) or contact Barb Baker 457-1112 for info. Order day is the first Sunday of each month with pick up the following week

**Hope on FaceBook:** Thank you to Jana Forgrave who has volunteered to administrate Hope's FB page. Jana is happy to get any info and especially pics of news & events. Let's spread the word about all the great things happening at Hope United. [forgravejana@gmail.com](mailto:forgravejana@gmail.com)

**The Pastoral Care Team:** If you or someone you know in the congregation has a pastoral care concern, please contact Rev Sean, 329-9057, the church office or any member of the Pastoral Care Team (co-chairs: Diane Ashton 454-4785 and Gail Logie 429-2699.)

**Choir Practice** is held each **Wednesday** at **7 pm** in the Hoyt Room - new voices are always welcome! Come any week and try it out. Contact Barbara Pate, Music Director: [barbarapate2015@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapate2015@gmail.com)

**An advisory committee is being formed** to follow through on the decision to update the sanctuary, including new church seating. The committee will include two volunteers from the congregation. If you are interested, please speak to committee members Janet Ward or Barb Baker, or contact the church office at 455-0261.

Dee is ordering **United Church 2020 Calendars - \$8**. Calendars go fast so please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church to reserve yours.

If you would like to support the programs and outreach of Hope United Church through **Offering Envelopes** or by **PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance) please contact Nancy in the Church office. 902-455-0261 or [office@hopeunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@hopeunitedchurch.ca). PAR brochures and forms are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Sunday November 3 is All Saints Sunday** - a time in the church year when we traditionally pause to remember those people within and connected to our faith community who have passed away over the previous 12 months. During the morning service, the name of each person is read and a brief silence observed as a candle is lit in memory. If you would like the name of a loved one included, **please contact the church office by Oct. 25** as we prepare the order of service for that week.

**The Fall Flea Market: Saturday, November 9** from 9-noon in the Church Hall. A great selection of unique and useful items including household goods, jewellery, books, linens, art and a Bake Table.



- Donations can be left at the church **Nov 4-8** - 9am - noon.
- Bake Table donations will be received **Friday Nov 8**, from 1:30-3 and 6-7:30.
- Volunteers are needed to help with pricing on Friday evening and workers for Saturday including a clean-up crew. **Please speak to Margaret O'Riley 429-0044.**

**Federal Election:** Hope United Church will be a polling site on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that the Lower Level of the building will not be available for any other activities or events.

**Halifax City Schools Music** is hosting all day workshops at Hope United (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) on **Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All regular renters and users have been cancelled for the day, but please take note if your group was planning to meet or use the church building as it will not be available during the day.