

### Offering Prayer

A hospital visit; pastoral-care notes and sunshine cards to connect with people who can't make it out to worship; a phone call or prayer chain for those who need connection with God's community of caring; loving-kindness offered daily to those we meet; time planning with a stewardship team to celebrate all aspects of generosity—our congregation lives the gospel in so many ways. We offer our gifts to support what the Spirit is doing through our congregation, here in this community and around the world through Mission and Service. Receive, O God, the gifts of hearts filled by love, the very breath of Christ Jesus. Amen.

**\*Parting Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand** (Voices United 670)

### Blessing and Sending Forth

In all our rainbow spectrum of diversity  
**send us out, O Christ, to live your symphony of richness,  
teaching others the melodies of your self-giving.**  
In all our tentative approaches to challenge,  
**send us out, O Spirit, to listen for your direction,  
proclaiming the Good News with living dynamics.**  
In all our disbelief that you, O God, embrace us,  
**send us out to live within the stuff of life,  
that we may find the courage to perform daring acts of love.**

**\*Benediction: Sing Amen** (Voices United 431)

*Come join us now in the Fellowship Hall to socialize and enjoy refreshments together.*

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leaders – Rev. Bill Cantelon & Nancy Walker (DLM)

Music Leadership – Elaine Zandee & The Band

Technical Support – Peter Gray, Power Point Technician – Jiemei Li

Greeters – Barb Waldner & Donna Loglisci

Ushers – Marge Baker & Barb Shobbrook Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Children & Youth Program – Nancy Walker

Scripture Reader – Bill Walker

Refreshments – Ethel Wilson Women's Group

Flowers for the service are offered by Jeanie Cooke to celebrate the life of her husband, Dave Cooke.



# Cordova Bay United Church

—A spiritual home for people longing to search for God and be found by God—

## *Aboriginal Sunday/Father's Day*

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Families are welcome to enjoy our 'Prayer Ground', located on the left of the sanctuary.*

### **Forming the Circle of Community**

Hymn Sing (Projected)

Welcoming

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

On a sunny summer morning or a dreary rainy day,  
when our faith is shining brightly or when it's barely there,  
**we pause to light the Christ candle  
for we know that Christ is always with us.**

**Congregational Introit: Open My Eyes, That I May See** (VU 371, Vs. 1&2)

#### **Call to Worship**

In the majesty of the mountain and the thunder of the waterfall,  
**we can see God's glory.**

In the call of the loon and the reflection of trees in still waters,  
**we can see Christ's mercy.**

In the rush of the river and the soaring of the eagle,  
**we can see the Spirit's power.**

So we come to worship the One who has the power to grant us  
mercy and forgiveness and lift us to heights of glory.

**We come to give God thanks and praise  
and to offer ourselves as God's faithful servants.**

**\*Opening Hymn: Come to My Heart** (Voices United 661)

#### **Opening Prayer**

**God, you have planted a precious seed in our hearts, and, in this  
community, it is watered and nourished and made to grow.**

**Open our spirits so that your own Spirit might move over us and within us.**

**Let our worship be worthy,**

**let our praise be wholehearted,**

**let our hymns be sincere,**

**let our prayers be honest,**

**as we give ourselves again into your care and keeping. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** (Voices United 960)

Wondering Time

**\* Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus** (Voices United 664)

*Children and youth join us now for a special program in the Youth Lounge.*

### **Hearing Sacred Stories and Exploring the Good News**

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): I Samuel 15:34-16:13

Christian Scripture (New Testament): 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

Anthem: He Keeps Me Singing/Sunshine in My Soul

Sermon: Open Heart

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, who watches over all, hear our prayer.**

**We pray for the world:**

**that everyone will listen for your voice within and around us,**

**and hear that voice as blessing and not curse,**

**as opportunity and not condemnation,**

**as a calling to connect with one another in compassion and respect,  
not in exclusion or humiliation.**

**We pray for ourselves: that we will be strong in our trust of your blessing  
and be willing to leave behind prejudices and judgments that deny your  
goodness and grace found in all.**

**We pray for the survivors of the residential school system, who are finding  
their spirits; we give thanks for their courage and leadership.**

**We pray for continued healing and nurturing of their spirits and ours and a  
growing understanding of the need for right relations in our country. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of the Day: How Firm a Foundation** (Voices United 660)

### **Responding to God's Call**

Joys and Concerns

**Prayer Introit: My Faith Looks Up to Thee** (Voices United 663, Vs. 1&2)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Invitation to the Offering

Offering – The Sharing of Our Time, Talent & Treasure

**\*Offering Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands** (Voices United 537)