

First United Church

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Washrooms are located through the doors to the left of the stage and in the lower hall through the exit between the coat racks.

Please remember that First United strives to be a **scent free facility**.

Church business (general inquiries, committee info, bulletin announcements, etc.) should be directed to the Office Administrator.

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	1:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Wednesday	1:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Thursday	1:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Friday	9:00 am - Noon

We are able to receive bulletin announcements until **Thursday at 4pm**.

Rev. van Vliet is usually in the church offices Monday through Thursday afternoons. He tries to take Fridays off.

If you have a pastoral need call **634-5301** or feel free to email, or drop in to the office.

In case of emergency, he can be reached at 632-7129.

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Minister:

Rev John van Vliet

Ministers Emeritus:

Rev Clayton Parsons

Rev Harry Whitehorne

Music Director:

Cindy Sheppard

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: (adapted from Isaiah 55)

L: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! Those with no money, come, buy food and eat! At no cost, buy wine and milk.

P: **Why spend money for what isn't food, and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good; enjoy the richest feasts.**

L: Seek the Lord when he can still be found; call him while he is yet near.

Hymn: *When Morning Guilds the Skies* VU 339

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Reading: John 2: 1 – 11

Message: Wine is just for starters. There's a lot more coming.

Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* VU 101 v. 1, 2 & 3

Offertory Prayer/Community Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* VU 481 v. 1

Blessing

Postlude

Supercessionism is the idea that the Christian Church has fully replaced the former covenant between God and the people of Israel. In common language it's sometimes called **Replacement Theology**, and for much of church history this was the dominant view among most branches of Christianity. It led to Jews being called 'Christ-killers', and contributed to centuries of pogroms and persecutions –eventually culminating in the horror of the Holocaust.

The United Church hadn't actively subscribed to this theology for decades, but it was only in 1997 that it moved to officially repudiate it. While many denominations have now abandoned this view, some haven't, leaving it as a defense for antisemites to hide behind.

Annual Report – At this point we don't know when we'll be able to have our Annual Meeting, but we are beginning to put the Annual Report together. Similar to last year, many committees and groups had very reduced, or perhaps even *no* activity. Use your own judgement on whether your committee has anything to report. Please get anything into the office within the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

Memorial

Local: In loving memory of parents Jean & Byron Matthews by Jennifer Matthews

When Morning Gilds the Skies VU 339

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise VU 101

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus Christ, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
4. Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy Word;
with your grace our lives endow,
grace to imitate you now,
that we like to you may be
at your great epiphany,
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

VU 481 v.1

Sent Forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
bracing God's children of each tribe and race.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
work for the kingdom and answer its call.