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***of the Səl̓ílwətaʔ,  Xʷməθkwəy̓əm, & Sḵwx̱wú7meshsi,***

***Musqueam***, *Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*

***Lakeview Multicultural United Church is a safe place***

***for all people to worship***

***regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation***

**Lakeview Multicultural United Church**

**Vancouver, BC**

**♦***Please stand where indicated, as you are able & comfortable*

***Congregational responses are in bold***

**A Celebration of Worship**

**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 23rd, 2019**

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**Congregational Singing with the Praise Band**

**Lighting The Christ Candle**

**Acknowledgement of the Territory**

*We recognize the lands upon which we worship as the ancestral, traditional and unceded lands of the Coast Salish people, and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation with all*

*our First Nations sisters and brothers.*

**Announcements**

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**Gathered By The Spirit**

**♦♪ Introit:**  ***VU 381***

*Spirit of life, come unto me.*

*Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.*

*Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;*

*move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.*

*Roots hold me close, wings set me free;*

*Spirit of life, come to me – come to me.*

**Invitation to Worship**: *based on Psalm 96*

It is time to sing the new song of our God, to surround the world with songs of joy.

**We will sing to you, loving Lord, and bless your name;**

**day by day we will celebrate Your salvation.**

Declare God’s glory among the nations, tell what God has done for you among all peoples.

**For great are You, loving God, and greatly be to be praised. Honour and majesty surround You, love**

**and beauty fill Your sanctuary.**

O sing to the LORD a new song! Bring gifts and celebrate!  
 Bow before the beauty of God — everyone worship with joy!

**♦**♪  **Hymn:** ‘Morning Has Broken’ ***VU 409***

Prayer of Gathering: *(presider)*

Here we are, God, gathered once again as Your family of faith.

We are blessed by many gifts, the companionship of others,

and by Your surrounding grace. Speak to us in our time of

worship, we pray. Gather us as Your body in this place,

nurture our hearts with Your grace, and then send us out

to be Your love in the world. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

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Blessing Our Graduates:

Kaira Dela Cruz Kristine Mendoza Joanna Blecich

Philip Dumagpi Julius Ambos Zidny Bandayrel

Junelia Ambos

**Scripture for those Graduating**: Philippians 4: 4-9

“*Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I will say, Rejoice!*

*Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard, and the God of peace will be with you.”*

**Giving of Gifts and Bibles** *(by Board Chairs, Hazel & Joel)*

*As each name is called, the graduate will come forward to*

*receive a Bible and gift from the Lakeview congregation.*

Prayer for the Graduates

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your

mother’s womb, God named you. At your birth, God’s breath

filled you with life. Today, we celebrate what you have become

at this moment in time. And so we pray:

**God of our beginnings, we thank You for the gifts of**

**these graduates – their excitement, their awesome**

**wonder and curiosity. Their contributions have blessed**

**and challenged us, and we have become a richer and**

**more diverse community because of them.**

*over ….*

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As they step forward into the new chapter of their lives that

awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of Your

presence with them. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the

footsteps of Jesus as modern day disciples in a world that needs their spirit and gifts.

**Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting**

**them from obstacles and dangers along the way.**

**May they help to lead future generations into the**

**warmth and promise of Your light.**

We ask this blessing upon each of them, in the name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**♦ Sharing The Welcome and Peace of Christ**

**The Word of God for the Journey**

♪ **Sung Prayer for Illumination:**  ***VU 376***

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

**Congregational Reading:** Romans 12: 1-18

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**For as in one body we have many members, and not**

**all the members have the same function, so we,**

**who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. And we have gifts**

**that differ according to the grace given to us.**

*over ….*

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Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

**Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another.  Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble**

**in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

**Presentation:** Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Region

*Helen Allen reporting*

**Presentation:** Intercultural Family Retreat

*Hazel, Randy B, Miriam, Nia, Leah, Marissa, Joel reporting*

Going Into God’s World With Thanksgiving

♪ **Offertory**

♪**♦ Presentation of Our Gifts:**  ***VU 376***

*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;*

*make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:*

*humble, caring, selfless, sharing,*

*Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!*

**Offertory Prayer** *together*

For the gifts of Your grace, we give You thanks, O God. May

we share our blessings with the world. Amen

Prayers of the People / Prayer of Jesus

♪**♦ Hymn:** ‘Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace’ ***VU 684***

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**♦ Blessing**

♪ **Choral Blessing:** ‘Go Now In Peace’

Go now in peace, never be afraid;

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;

know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above;

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

A-men, A-men, A—men

**Announcements**

1. If you are visiting with us this morning – a warm welcome!

Please join us for fellowship and food in the gym following worship.

2. The first **Community Open House** for the Redevelopment Project will be held on Wednesday, June 26th, from 5-7 pm.

It would be great to have as many of the congregation present

as are able to come, to offer support and welcome the neighbourhood. If you can help with refreshments, please speak to Helen Allen. And tell all your friends!

3. Thank you to all who helped with the **Welcome Dinner** last

evening with our newcomer friends from the Welcome Centre.

4. Next Sunday will be **Rev. Val’s last Sunday** at Lakeview. For

family reasons, she is unable to continue in the Fall. The

Ministry and Personnel Committee has been in touch with

people at the Regional Office for help and support in finding

a new interim minister. Please speak to Barbara, Hazel, or

Showbie if you have any concerns or questions.

**Lakeview Multicultural United Church**

**Welcome to Lakeview Multicultural United Church. May you find here a strengthening word, caring friends, and**

**the embracing spirit of Christ.**

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