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*Serving followers of Jesus Christ in Valley City since 1881. Voted to join the United Church of Christ in 1960.*

## ☞ Schedule ☜

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 8, 2018</b>	Choir Practice	
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School	(Fireside Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Church Council	(Fireside Room)
	11:30 a.m.	There will be continuing discussion on a 5 year visioning plan for the future of our church. Please plan to attend and voice your opinions & comments.	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 15, 2018</b>	Choir Practice	
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School	(Fireside Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 19, 2018</b>	Worship with Candace & Carol	(Bridgeview Estates)
	10:00 a.m.		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 22, 2018</b>	Choir Practice	
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School	(Fireside Room)
	10:30 a.m.	ONA Meeting	(Fireside Room)
	11:30 a.m.		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 29, 2018</b>	Choir Practice	
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School	(Fireside Room)
	10:30 a.m.		

~ Remember to bring loose change for the noisy offering ~

**Remember our church's food drive!**

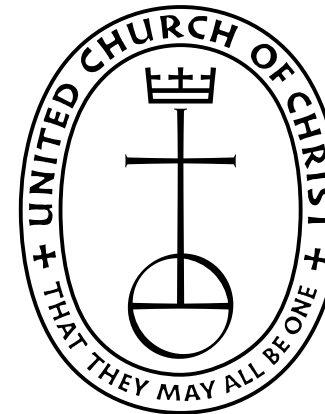
## ☞ In Our Prayers ☜

At Home: Ron, Kathy M., Harve B., Tillie M. Legacy: Irma N.

West Fargo: Meryl, Riley Moorhead: Hulda

Sheyenne Care Center (Valley City): Lois B., Garland M., Doris J.

*\*Please tell our minister if you wish to have someone added to this list.\**



*Congregational  
United Church of Christ*  
*Changing Lives: That is Our Church's Wider Ministry*



*This is your church  
No matter who or what you are, where you are on life's journey,  
or what defines you –*

*This is your church  
If you are abundantly welcoming, radically inclusive,  
and theologically courageous –*

*This is your church  
If you want to understand your faith not only with your heart  
but also with your mind –*

*This is your church  
If you want to come in and join the others who are on their journey to the  
Beloved Community of the People of God –*

*Welcome Home!  
This is your Church*

**April 8, 2018**

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Dr. David Hartson Presiding  
April 8, 2018 10:30 o'clock*

**Prelude**

**Carrying the Light of Christ into Worship**

**Centering Sound of the Gong**

**Welcome**

**Continuing Acts of the Apostles**

**Announcements, Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Acknowledgment of Territory**

Since time immemorial, First People's lives and spirituality have been connected to this land

**We acknowledge and give thanks for their stewardship  
May we live with respect and gratitude on this land**

**Call To Worship**

Liturgist Like the empty sky it has no boundaries  
Yet it is right in this place, ever profound, ever clear

**People When you seek to know it, you cannot see it  
You cannot take hold of it**

Liturgist But you cannot lose it  
In not being able to get it, you get it

**People When you are silent, it speaks  
When you speak, it is silent**

Liturgist The great gate  
Is wide open

**People And no crowd is blocking the way**

*-Cheng-tao Ke*

**\*Hymn: "Bring Back the Springtime"..... CSS 11**

**Prayer of the Beloved Community**

**To see a World in a grain of sand  
Heaven in a wild flower  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour**

*-William Blake*

**Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem/Artistic Rendition**

**Children's Message**

**Scriptures John 20:19-30**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn: "I Love" ..... CSS 17**

**Prayers of the People**

**Chimes**

**Silent Prayers**

**The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us to Pray:** *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.*

**Offertory**

**\* Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**The morning glory blooms but in an hour  
And yet it differs not a heart  
From the giant pine that lives for a thousand years**

*-Matsunga Teitiku*

**\*Hymn: "I Just Came to Praise the Lord" ..... CSS 15**

**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**Gong**

**Please participate, as you wish, in "Passing of the Peace" following the worship service.**

**Postlude +You are encouraged to continue a spirit of worship during the Postlude+**

**\*Please rise if able.**

Black ~ The New Century Hymnal. \*\*Monies raised in the Birthday and Special Occasions Church Bank go towards the Congregational United Church Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship is for members of our church going to college.