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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 ☜

Sunday	May 13, 2018	<b><u>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</u></b>	
		9:30 a.m.	Diaconate Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School Awards (Fireside Room)	
Sunday	May 20, 2018	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee (Fellowship Hall)
		10:30 a.m.	Worship (Fireside Room)
		11:30 a.m.	Church Council & Annual Meeting (Fireside Room)
Sunday	May 27, 2018	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee (Fellowship Hall)
		10:30 a.m.	Worship (Fireside Room)

~ Remember to bring loose change for the noisy offering ~

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

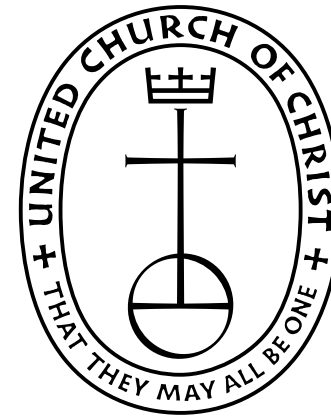
### ☞ In Our Prayers ☜

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

West Fargo: 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*

**May 13, 2018**

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Dr. David Hartson, Presiding  
May 13, 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 There is a grace approaching  
That we Shun as much as death

People It does not come in time, but in timelessness  
When the mind sinks into the heart  
And we remember who we are

Liturgist In an instant grace that draws us  
To the edge and beckons us to surrender  
Safe territory and enter our enormity

People We know we must pass beyond knowing  
And fear the shedding  
But we are pulled upward nonetheless

Liturgist Through forgotten ghosts  
And unexpected angels

People Realizing it doesn't make sense  
To make sense anymore  
This morning the universe danced before you  
And you sang  
It loves that song

*-Stephen and Ondrea Levine*

**\*Hymn: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" ..... B 55**

**Prayer of the Beloved Community**

May a good vision catch me  
May a benevolent vision take hold of me and move me  
May a deep and full vision come over me  
And burst open around me  
May a luminous vision inform me and enfold me  
May I waken into a story that surrounds me  
May I waken onto a beautiful story  
May a wondrous story find me  
May I perceive something sacred

*-David Abram*

**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 & Sunday School Awards**

**Scriptures Psalm 1**

**Sermon**

**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:**

**Open your fists into embraces  
Open your arms into loving circles**

*-James Broughton*

**\*Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" .....B 283**

**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.