

September 3, 2017
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ministry of Music: Glenn Sawatzky
Ministry with Children: Tammy Olmstead & Family
Church Administration: Carolyn Lindblad
Pastoral Ministry: The People, One to Another &
Reverend Jim Balfour

Theme

What we do and how we act is a function of who we are and who, by God's grace, we are becoming. Having been loved by Christ, we find that we want to return that love by conforming our lives to his life—even when no one is looking! Christians live not primarily by rules or codes, but we live out of our relationship with Christ

Gathering As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

Hymn: VU # 512 Lord, You Give the Great
Commission

Mark your Calendars

Council Meeting— Tuesday, September 5 at 7pm
Coffee & Conversation Wednesday, September 6 at 10am
Choir Start up— September 7 at 7pm
Communion— September 10th
Sunday School Start up— September 10th

Fowl Supper—Saturday, October 14...look for more details coming shortly!!

Fall Supper—St. James United Church 4506 Sherwood Dr
Friday, Sept. 22, 2017 5:00-6:30 pm continuous
Turkey and all the trimmings Catered by Charlotte's Catering,
Moose Jaw
Tickets: Adults \$20, ages 6—12 \$7.00
Advance tickets only, contact the church office for tickets at
306-543-2626

Whitmore Park United Church **Craft and Trade Show**
application forms for October 20 and 21st, 2017 are now
available by contact ing office @wpuc.ca. Tables are
\$60 for 6 feet or \$70 for 8 feet plus \$5 for power, on a
first come first served basis. For more information, see
the application form.

Now accepting donations for Knox-Met Flea Market: The
annual Knox-Met Flea Market will be held this year on
Saturday, September 30. We welcome Men's, Women's and
Children's clothing, shoes, hats, purses, scarves, household
items, small electrical appliances, seasonal and sporting goods
and jewelry. New or good quality items are also requested for
the Gift Shop. **We are unable to accept cushions, pillows,**
comforters, stuffed toys or furniture. Please put your
donations in closed boxes or plastic bags. They can be
dropped off at Knox-Metropolitan (2340 Victoria Ave) any time
during office hours, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sung Response: VU # 951 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words, you are holy God.

Responding to the Word of God

Offertory Thought

As we have been blessed, so let us become a blessing. As we have received, so let us give.

Presentation of Offerings

Hymn: # 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all Creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known;
Creator, Word and Spirit one.*

Offertory Prayer

Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed.

Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope.

Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross and in that name we say . . . Our Father

Hymn: VU # 418 Go Forth For God

Commissioning and Benediction

Our worship takes place on land that is part of Treaty #4. We acknowledge the privilege of worshipping here and we acknowledge that we are all a treaty people.

People who are interested in learning more about the Truth & Reconciliation Commission may find more information on the bulletin boards.

A Prayer for Gathering

Gracious God, during this time of worship give all of us the eyes to see what a great gift you have given us in giving us yourself in Jesus Christ. We who were far off have been brought near. We who were alienated from your love have been embraced by your saving love. We who didn't really know who we were have been named and claimed by you. And after we have worshipped, after we've said what we need to say to you and have tried to listen to what you have to say to us, send us forth, confident that you go with us, sure that we have been given the gifts we need to be faithful to you in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Proclamation of the Word

Introduction to the Readings

Romans 12:9-21

Paul urges the Christians in Rome to conform their lives to the model of Christ in all things.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus begins to teach his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer, a teaching that shocks his followers.

Hymn: VU # 595 The Servant Song

Sermon: Your Guess Is As Good As Mine

Prayers of the People