

**Worship This Sunday Sept 17th at Ladner United Church at 10:00am**

Focusing on World Suicide Prevention Day - "Take a minute, save a life!"

**Queenie Cheng**, our Music Director, will be with our children and youth during the service.

Thanks to **Owen Anderson and Kate Anderson** for leading worship music.

Thanks to Cathy Bone (photographer) for the picture below. There is much to be discouraged about in our world right now. The Spirit of God is speaking to us through Barbara's face as she beholds creation!

What message do you hear for yourself?



**Dear Friends:**

As we make our way back to church after summer vacation, I invite you to join in community worship.

**Consider extending an invitation to a friend.**

**When you arrive at worship:**

- If you are a regular attender, consider sitting in either of the wings to free up space in the centre for those who are new to our community and not yet confident in finding a place.
- Consider sitting beside someone you do not know and introducing yourself.
- If that person is a first time or recent attender, invite them to join the congregation after for coffee and sit with them.
- Show them the church building so that they may become familiar with the facilities.
- Introduce them to another person in the church.
- Ask them if they would like any additional information or have any questions. Offer to introduce them to me or to Queenie.
- How can you to all you meet at worship - extend the hospitality of Christ beyond saying "hello"
- These are all ways we live out practically the hospitality God extends to us - *connect, deepen and engage*.

**This week we will be reflecting on the theme of World Suicide**

**Awareness Day - "Take a moment, save a life!** Fits in with our mission theme - *connect, deepen and engage with God, self, neighbour and creation*. **Jane Marynowski**, one of our church members whose family life has been touched by suicide, is writing a prayer to share with us. During that prayer you will have the opportunity candle on the communion light a votive on table. What we can do as persons of faith to reach out and care for people contemplating suicide or have been affected by it will be the topic of my time with you.

**As we continue to evolve our Children and Youth Program, on the third Sunday of each month Queenie Cheng, our music director, will spend time with our children and youth.**

This is her message: *On the 3rd Sundays, I will be leading a kids' music program at Sunday School. All ages kids are welcomed! Children will be doing music and dance, singing, jamming instruments together, lots of musical activities to experience church through fun and meaningful music"*

Check the announcements for information about Sandy's Spiritual Practice program and other things happening.

Drop in, Pop Up Bible Study on John will be beginning in early October.

More information to follow...

**Always love to have a cup of coffee, love to listen and chat - at your home, your place of work, a local coffee shop or my office. Interested? Please contact me directly.**

Blessings,

Jim

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