



*Alberni Valley*  
UNITED CHURCH



**COURAGEOUS**  
COMMUNITY CENTER

**May 1st, 2022 11:30 AM**

**Rev. Ed Lewis**

**WA: Mary Heatherington  
Worship Service**



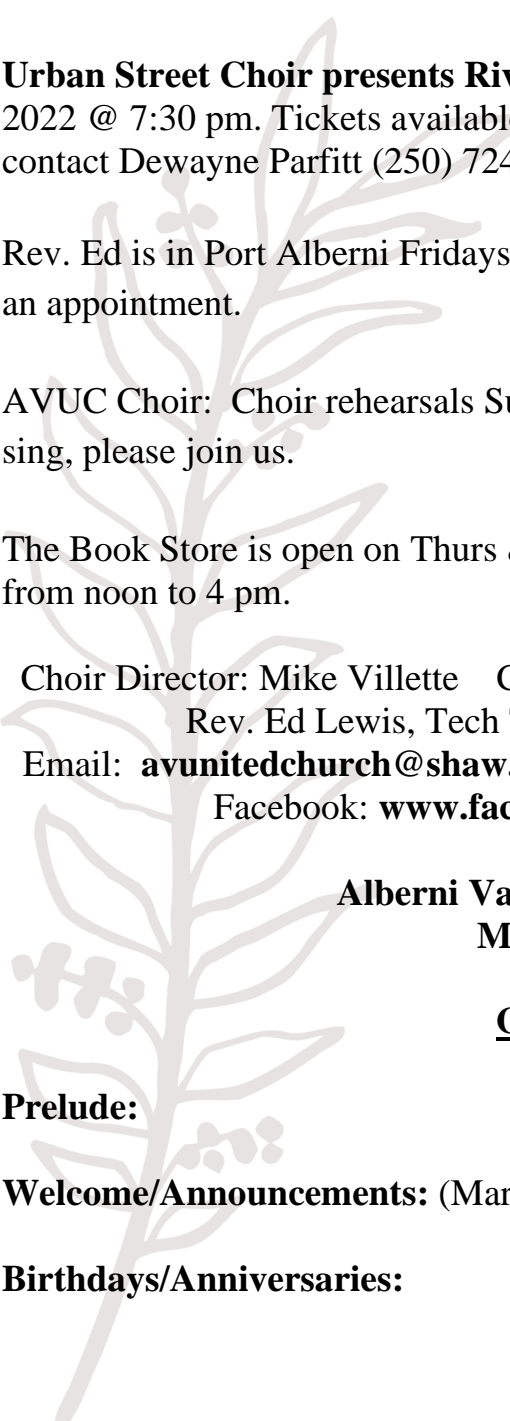
***Upcoming Zoom Meetings & Gatherings:***

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zoom Gentle Yoga	10:00 am
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chair Yoga	11:30 am

**The Affirm Team are holding several upcoming events:**

- Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 next Affirm meeting at 6:30 pm via Zoom
- AV Pride Game Night Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- AV Pride Board Meeting Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 6:30 pm to 8 pm
- Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 our next Lunch and Learn

**Alberni Valley United Church Educational Bursary Applications** for 2022 are now available to graduating high school students who are pursuing post-secondary studies. Hard copies are available for pickup at the office, back of the church sanctuary, or via email. Please enclose application in envelope marked **Attention: AVUC Outreach** electronic applications can be emailed to Natalie at [dutchmanscastle@shaw.ca](mailto:dutchmanscastle@shaw.ca).  
Deadline for Bursary Applications is May 31, 2022.



**Urban Street Choir presents Rivers and Rainbows Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:30 pm. Tickets available from choir members, at the door or contact Dewayne Parfitt (250) 724-6473**

Rev. Ed is in Port Alberni Fridays. Please email: **reved@telus.net** to make an appointment.

AVUC Choir: Choir rehearsals Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. If you love to sing, please join us.

The Book Store is open on Thurs & Friday from 9am to 1 pm and Saturday from noon to 4 pm.

Choir Director: Mike Villette Church Accompanist: Ellen Vander Putten  
Rev. Ed Lewis, Tech Team Leader: Dewayne Parfitt  
Email: **avunitedchurch@shaw.ca** Website: **www.albernivalleyuc.com**  
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May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**

**Gathering**

**Prelude:**

**Welcome/Announcements:** (Mary)

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

**Acknowledgement of Territory: (Mary)**

**Lighting the Christ Candle: (Ed/Mary)**

**We Listen for the Word of God**

**Opening prayer: (together led by Mary)**

**Risen Christ, we gather in worship to thank You that in Your resurrection we are renewed and transformed. We thank You that in Your resurrection, all those who have died who are dear to us, now live with you eternally.**

**We take time this Sunday morning to honor You and to worship You with songs of praise, and prayers of thanksgiving. Bless us with Your presence and help us to be open to the life-giving power of Your Spirit. May Your joy and peace fill our hearts to overflowing. Alleluia. AMEN**

**Hymn: VU #477 “I Come with Joy” verses 1, 2, 3 & 5**

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 136 (Mary)**

**Prayers of the People:**

**Children’s Time:**

**Special Music (Choir) “Becoming Who We Are” (Kaan/Klusmeier)**

**Scripture Reading – Luke 24:13-35 (Mary)**

**Message – “Somewhere Along the Road” - Ed**



**We Respond**

**Communion Hymn – VU #468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

**We Go Forth**

**Prayer of Confession: (together)**

**Reconciling God, Compassionate Christ, we realize that we have often turned to our own way and refused to follow You. We come bearing marks of a bitter and broken world. Many times, we have failed to avail ourselves of Your refreshing Spirit and find ourselves with dry and thirsty souls. We have not kept our eyes upon Your saving cross nor been attentive to Your voice.**

**Remind us in the breaking of the bread, of our needs and of Your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in unity of our faith, and closer to You as our strong Deliverer. Renew us now as we seek to follow You once again. AMEN**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Prayer over the Elements:**

**Sharing Communion:**

**Prayer of Dedication:** (together)

**O Gracious God, strengthened by Your love and grace, may the light of Christ shine through us. Please receive and bless the labours of our community of faith. We also ask for You to bless the sharing of these gifts with those beyond our church. Take our lives and our gifts and use them for Your good purposes in the world You love. We ask in Jesus' name. AMEN**

**Closing Hymn:** MVU #157 "I am a Child of God"



***Thank you for attending Sunday Worship. Hope to see you next week!***