

Fairfield United Church



Defining & Envisioning Success

We are a faith community that may be thought of as a "spiritual start-up" and as such clear signs of success may not be present for some time. At this point it's important we agree what success looks like for us and how we will measure progress.

We are an inclusive, safe, loving community where diversity is celebrated. We are resilient and open and able to embrace change. Fairfield United's primary focus is on community development - within our congregation and within our broader community.

PARTICIPATION

- Liturgy: light, scripture, lectio divina, singing, communion
- Celebration of individual ministries and emerging leaders
- Community engagement - e.g. Sock Drive & Toss, Soul in a Bowl, food and clothing donations

Sundays are a time to explore relationship with self, community and God - a time to become the person God calls us to be.

PRACTICE

- Sunday service, personal practice
- Observe, learn, reflect, ACT
- Weaving ancient rhythms, stories of our faith into everyday lives
- Practicing both contemplation and action in wider community
- Honouring a diversity of learning styles and approaches to living our faith

LISTENING & LEARNING

- Actively creating a culture of support and encouragement - where we walk alongside one another without deference to power or authority
- Creating partnerships and aligning with the work God is already doing in our community
- Self-directed initiatives: congregant conceived and led (participation rather than official church programming)
- Collected stories of faith to share with our community

