

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**  
**Sunday, March 3, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Heather King, LLWL**  
**The Ministry of the Congregation**

**A Warm Welcome** to everyone worshipping with us today at Waterford United Church. May this time together be a blessing to you as you pause to praise God, to give thanks and to gather spiritual strength for the coming week.

Please join us for **Coffee Hour and Fellowship Time** after the service.

**GATHERING**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GATHERING HYMN:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**One:** As we travel this Lenten pathway, we journey together, a community of faith.

**All:** As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey together, but also alone.

**One:** Practising our faith:

**All:** living Christ's call to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

*(Extinguish the third candle)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN:** We are One VU #402

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURES:**

Cori Angus

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 15

VU #740

**Refrain 2: "Glory and praise to God whose word brings life"**

**One:** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**All:** One day speaks to another, and night shares its knowledge with night,

**One:** and this without speech or language; their voices are not heard.

**All:** But their sound goes out to all the lands, their words to the ends of the earth. (R)

**One:** In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy, like an athlete eager to run the race.

**All:** Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the other, and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. (R)

**All:** Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE:** John 2: 13 – 22 "Jesus Clears the Temple"

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Lenten Meditation *(words printed)*

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** Let Us Build A House MVU #1

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory:** What Can I Do? MVU #191  
*What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**OUTREACH MOMENT**

Marilyn Antkiw

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung)* VU #960

## WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**HYMN:** May the God of Hope Go with Us

VU # 424

### **BENEDICTION :**

One: Let us go into God's world, practising our faith,

**All: living Christ's call to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

One: Let us go into God's world

**All: knowing we are never alone. Christ's peace, the Creator's love, and the breath of the Holy Spirit go with us.  
Amen!**

### **SUNG BLESSING:** Go Now In Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.*

*God will go with you each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe.*

*Reach out to others so all the world can see.*

*God will be there watching from above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

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### **LENTEN MEDITATION**

Jesus Christ, my Saviour lived for me, and died,

Source of my salvation, yet was crucified.

Peace that knows no measure: this by faith I see.

Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me.

Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days.

And Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways.

Hear me now, Lord Jesus: I will never stray.

I will never wander. Hear me, as I pray;

Free me now from darkness. Cleanse me now from sin.

Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure within.

Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days.

And Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways.

Amen.

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**March 3, 2024**

**Worship Leader: LLWL Heather King**

**Minister of Music: Chris Savory**



### ***3rd Sunday in Lent***

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*Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.*

**The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.**

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**WELCOME AND THANK YOU**  
to LLWL Heather King for leading in Worship today.

**THE OFFICIAL BOARD** will meet this Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. All Committee Chairs or a representative are encouraged to attend.

We are inviting members of the congregation who are interested in participating in **THE SEARCH PROCESS FOR NEW MINISTRY** to submit their name to the office. In the meantime, we are pleased and grateful that a number of ministers, LLWLs and lay persons have offered to help keep our pulpit filled each Sunday as well as provide emergent pastoral care during this time.

#### **LENT AND EASTER SERVICES**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 3 - 10:30 a.m. led by LLWL Heather King
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 10 - 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Gary Patterson
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 17 - 10:30 a.m. led by LLWL Peggy Guiler
Palm Sunday	March 24 - 10:30 a.m. led by LLWL Mae Bedford
Maundy Thursday	March 28 evening Seder (traditional Passover) Meal
Good Friday	March 29 - 10:30 a.m. led by Chris Savory
Easter Sunday Morning	March 31 - 10:30 a.m. (leader pending)

**FREE CONCERT** – Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. featuring **Organist Joe Calverley**. Light refreshments will follow.

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#### **FAITH FORMATION THOUGHTS** **Debra Leedham**

In the 29<sup>th</sup> chapter of Proverbs we read, “without a vision, the people perish.” So what is the vision for Waterford United Church? How can this vision be accomplished in the face of personal and systemic challenges?



A Traditional Passover Meal (Seder Meal) will be prepared and presented by Renee and Michael Jarvis on Maundy Thursday evening, March 28 (time to be announced). Attendance is limited so please RSVP to Cori or Diane.

The evening begins with the story of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who recall their people’s suffering and persecution as they were going out of Egypt.

This traditional meal will include readings, partaking in drinking 4 sips of wine, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and other Passover traditions. Food includes wine (juice), vegetables dipped in salt water, matzah (cracker-like bread), bitter herbs (horseradish and romaine dipped in charoset, a paste of nuts, apples, pears and wine)

This meal will be followed with more familiar dishes to round out the Seder meal.