



WELCOME AND THANK YOU
to Rev. Mary Jo Patterson
for leading today's Worship

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH April 21, 2024

Worship Leader: Rev. Mary Jo Patterson
Music: Joe Calverley

FUTURE MINISTRY – At our last Official Board meeting with our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Pastor Ted Smith, it was unanimously agreed “that the Official Board pursue obtaining Intentional Interim Ministry for Waterford United Church.” The Board along with Horseshoe Falls Region will be working diligently toward that goal in the coming weeks and months.

PASTORAL CARE – as we work toward a change in ministry, we are grateful to have ministry personnel who have offered emergent and ongoing pastoral care. We ask that you contact the office (or Cori during the month of April) if you know of someone who needs a phone call or visit.

COFFEE HOUR SIGNUP – Please sign up for coffee hour on the list posted in the auditorium. Dates go to the end of June. Any costs will be reimbursed, and we ask for people to take on the prep and cleanup.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will not be open during the month of April. However, the phone and email will be monitored regularly and Sundays' bulletins will continue to be prepared. Thanks to Jean and Cori who are covering for me!
~ Diane

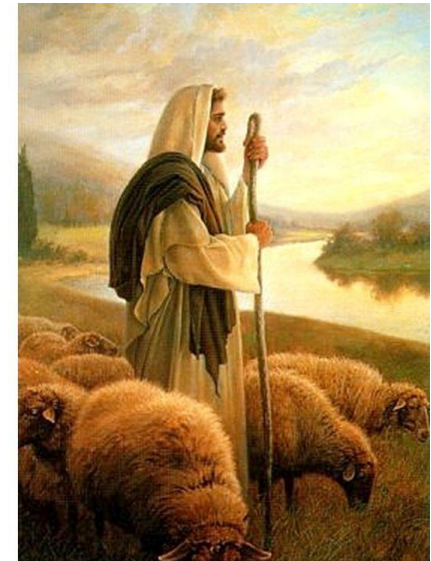
OUTREACH SOUP LUNCH will be held TODAY following the service. Donations gratefully received. 50% goes to our M&S and 50% to a local charity. Please join us for food and fellowship. Please note our **MAY** soup lunch will be held a week later on May 26.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, April 21	Rev. Mary Jo Patterson
Sunday, April 28	LLWL Mae Bedford
Sunday, May 5	LLWL Heather King
Sunday, May 12	Rev. Gary Patterson



The Good Shepherd John 10



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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WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Rev. Mary Jo Patterson

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 **Outreach Soup Lunch and Fellowship** after the service.

GATHERING

GREETING

I greet you all in the name of Jesus Christ our shepherd. May we all experience the presence and the power of the risen Jesus as we worship today!

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: **God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.**

One: God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

All: **Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.**

One: but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

All: **they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint**

INTROIT: Morning Has Broken

VU #409

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and

forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

VU #272

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING: John 10: 11 – 18

Eric France

THE MEDITATION: Shepherding

RESPONSIVE HYMN: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

VU #210

MUSIC MINISTRY: Now the Green Blade Rises

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING:

Doxology: Halle, Halle, Halle (2X)

VU #958

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

Prayer of Dedication:

Great Shepherd of the sheep, we are your flock, and we bring to you gifts and offerings from our hearts and lives. Be our Shepherd always, and send us forth, that we might bring to other sheep the message of your love. Amen

WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

VU # 563

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

(The Christ Candle is extinguished)