

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

Peace is generosity, not silence. Bless these gifts as we share our time, talents, and treasures. We choose to step with God into the obstacles so that peace become the path to walk.

**HYMN:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU#232

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER (sung, stay seated)**

VU#960

**WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

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

VU # 424

**BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING:** Go Make a Difference

MV#209



**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**

**April 28, 2024**

**Worship Leader: LLWL Mae Bedford**

**Music: Azrael Hackshaw**



be with you.  
As the Father has  
sent me,  
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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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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## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

LLWL Mae Bedford

**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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**GATHERING SONG:** Put Peace into Each Other's Hands VU#173

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Sisters and brothers enter this space together to worship the Holy One. Let us rejoice, for God offers us freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ and gives us the Spirit to be children of God, and to live free from fear.

**All:** **We come to walk with Jesus; the same way Jesus walked down the streets of Jerusalem and throughout the countryside. We come to remember the simple act of walking as defiance against oppression, and the simple act of writing as calling attention to injustice; each creates the peace and love that Jesus teaches us. God, we come!**

**HYMN:** I've Got Peace like a River VU #577

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ is our peace. Christ has united those who were separated. Christ has broken down the walls of hostility. Christ has given wings to our steps on the path of justice. Rejoice in the Lord! Amen.

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture:** Psalm 85

VU#802

**Refrain: God, show us your love, show us your love and mercy.**

**One:** Once you were gracious to your land, O God, you restored the fortunes of Jacob,

**All: you forgave the offence of your people, and pardoned all their sin.**

**One:** You drew back all your displeasure, and turned from your fiery wrath.

**All: Restore us again, God our Saviour, and put away your just anger toward us.**

**One:** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations?

**All: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? (R)**

**One:** Let me hear what you will say, O God, for you will speak peace to your people, to the faithful who turn their hearts to you.

**All: Surely salvation is near those who fear you, and your glory will dwell in our land.**

**One:** Mercy and faithfulness will meet, justice and peace will embrace.

**All: Faithfulness will spring up from the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven.**

**One:** You, O God, will give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

**All: Righteousness will go before you, and the paths of your feet will be peace. (R)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture:** John 20: 19-23

**MUSIC MINISTRY:**

Azrael Hackshaw

**MESSAGE:** Peace

**HYMN:** Make me a Channel of Your Peace

MV#684

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**OFFERING:**

**OFFERING SONG:** Jesus Loves Me (stay seated)

VU#365



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