

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

Rev. Gary Patterson

Music: Azrael Hackshaw

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 and fellowship time after the service.

GATHERING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come gather 'round; Jesus is here.

We wait for the coming Spirit.

Come gather 'round; see the power of Christ before you.

With joy, we praise God.

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign

VU # 330

OPENING PRAYER

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. AMEN.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG AT HEART:

SCRIPTURES:

1st Scripture: Psalm 93

VU # 813

One: You rule, O god, clothed in majesty –

All: Robed, and girded with strength.

One: You have established the world so that it can never be moved.

All: Your throne has stood firm from of old; for all eternity you are God. (R)

One: The waters have lifted up, O God, the waters have lifted up their voice, the waters lift up their pounding waves.

All: Mightier than thundering waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, mightier on high is God.

One: Truly our law stands firm;

All: holiness adorns your house, O God, forever. (R)

2nd Scripture: Luke 24: 44-53

MUSIC MINISTRY: In the Bulb There Is a Flower

VU # 703

MESSAGE:

HYMN: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

VU # 635

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING Invitation

Gifted with the grace of God, and promised power from on high, let us now offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

Offertory: Giver of the Perfect Gift (vs. 1)

VU # 116

Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,

Hear the prayer our hearts uplift, gathered at thy throne of grace.

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Prayer of Dedication

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God.

Send them into the world

as a sign and song of your joyous work of love.

Use them to call and welcome into your house of love

all who are *your* friends and *our* brothers and sisters. Amen.

A Mother's Day Prayer

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

VU #960

WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN: Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

VU # 556

BENEDICTION:

As Christ has loved you and prayed for you, go now in peace, bringing Christ's loving words to all you meet. Know that Christ is with you in all that you do. AMEN.

SUNG BLESSING: O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs. 1)

VU # 120

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.



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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for leading today's Worship

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