

Waterford United Church

June 2, 2024

Heather King, LLWL

(Liturgy and prayer source: Ministry Matters)

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER

GATHERING SONG: (*seated*) Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 1) VU # 315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jesus came to share the good news of God. He came to share in our joy and sorrows so that we may know God more fully. Let us take a moment to share our joys in community with God's people. (*The congregation is invited to share exciting or challenging events in their lives.*)

All: We light this candle for the good news we shared, the good news in hearts, and the good news that wherever we go, God is with us.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

All: We praise you for your gift of life.

One: Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

All: We thank you for your gift of new life.

One: Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

All: We worship your holy name, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of love and hope for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: Worship the Lord (vs. 1, 2, & 3) VU # 401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*together*)

We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right with our lives and those that we love. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. Let us truly listen to you so that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who live each day with an attitude of love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

God's love of the world is so great that God sent Jesus that we may truly live lives of peace and hope. Praise be to God.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: Fairest Lord Jesus VU #341

WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy one, as we listen to your word, speak to our hearts, that we may hear your call. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 139 VU #861

You Are before Me, God VU #862

GOSPEL READING: John 3: 1 – 17

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

REFLECTION: I Am Loved

A NEW CREED: (*together*) VU #918

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me VU #365

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's very nature is love. May our gifts offer an outpouring of our love for God and our willingness to put that love into action.

Sung Dedication: We Praise You, O God (vs. 1) VU #218

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Offertory Prayer: *(together)*

God of overflowing love, receive our gifts as signs of our love and commitment to live for you. Bless our gifts and our lives, that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as we follow Jesus, equipped by the Spirit to serve you well and wisely. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE DEPART

CLOSING HYMN: I Have Called You by Your Name MVU #161

BENEDICTION:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion in the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and lead you onward, now and evermore.

CHORAL CLOSE: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of everyday

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true

Know He 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. Amen, Amen, Amen

RECESSIONAL

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

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Worship Leader: LLWL Heather King

Music: Chris Savory



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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