

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 and fellowship time after the service.

Music Prelude:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHT 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 our hearts, and the good news that wherever we go, God is with us.

GATHERING HYMN: This is God's Wondrous World VU # 296

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to the vineyard of God.

We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

Drink from the waters of life.

We live in the light of God's grace.

Come to the vineyard of God.

All are welcome here.

OPENING PRAYER

God of love,

plant us in the soil of your grace.

Nurture us with the strength of Christ,

the vine of everlasting life.

Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,

which flows through us today and all days.

Abide in us,

that we may abide in you

and live in your love.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful

VU # 291

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG AT HEART: Christian Camping Message

Camp Song: Kumbaya (Come by Here) Peter Scovil on guitar

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Prayer for Illumination: (together) **Holy Spirit, move in us and among us as we listen to the Scriptures read and interpreted. Open our minds and hearts to receive the Living Word so that we may be transformed to live as your Easter people. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES:

Responsive Psalm 98 Refrain 2

VU # 818

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 1: 1 – 12

New Testament Scripture: John 15: 1-8

MUSIC MINISTRY: Morning Has Broken

MESSAGE: Abide in Me

HYMN: They will know we are Christian's by our Love (source: Lift Up Your Hearts # 256) by Peter Scholtes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING Invitation

Offertory: What Can I Do?

MV # 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 (Together)

Generous God , we are thankful for your wonderful work in creation.

We ask your blessings on the donations we offer here and on the actions that are produced in this community and of those across the church.

Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

VU #960

WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

VU # 575

BENEDICTION: As we experience each tree, each flower, each bird, each bee, and each human, let us feel our God reflected in creation.

As we look upon God's world, let us share the love of Christ.

As we love one another, may your Spirit give us the strength we need to care for each and every part of creation.

Amen

—Adapted from the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, "[Be the Church: Protect the Environment](#)" worship service.

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SUNG BLESSING: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry 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. Amen, Amen, Amen.



WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH **May 5, 2024**

Worship Leader: Heather King

Music: Chris Savory

6th Sunday of Easter

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 today's Worship**

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 and May. However, the phone and email will be monitored regularly and Sundays' bulletins will continue to be prepared.

FREE SOUP SUPPER – Wednesday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m. ALL WELCOME!

FREE CONCERT – Friday May 10 at 7:30 featuring Pro Musica.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – Included in today's bulletin is a financial update from January 1 – March 31, 2024.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA – Please see the bulletin board about a tea at Colborne Village United Church on Saturday May 11th. Bring an item from the Chemo Bag list.

Kurbaya

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

1. Someone's singing Lord
2. Someone's praying Lord
3. Kumbaya my Lord

Songwriters: - Dp / Emanuel Diakhate / Gontse Diakhate / Sandi Anton Strmljan
Kumbaya, My Lord lyrics © BMG Rights Management,

They will know we are Christians by our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

**Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Chorus**

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. **Chorus**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Chorus**

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