

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, June 23, 2024
LLWL Peggy Guiler
4th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING HYMN: I See a New Heaven VU #713

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God of covenant love,
All: we praise you for planting seeds of your love within all our ancestors.
One: God of incarnate love,
All: we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created among us.
One: God of welcoming love,
All: we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.
One: God of everlasting love,
All: we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are.

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you today. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF YEARNING (together):

Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward appearances but rather on the heart. We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts. We yearn to give up our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts. We wish we could shed our selfish motivations and our deceptions. God, please help us be the best versions of ourselves. It's painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them, and give us the wisdom to trust your love. For you seek to transform us into your new creations. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (2 Corinthians 5, Psalm 20)

One: May those who desire to please Christ, find the desires of their hearts.
All: In Christ, we are a new creation.
One: Everything old has passed away.
All: Everything has become new!
Glory to God!

HYMN: Blessed Assurance VU #337

SCRIPTURES:

1st SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 18: 5, 10 – 16

2nd SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13

MUSIC MINISTRY

MESSAGE

HYMN: If You Will Trust in God VU #286

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5)

When it comes to our resources, we build walls of security around ourselves with our money, time, energy and activity. We forget that our true home and our true security is found in God alone. May God transform our heart's desire until our actions align with God's will for our lives.

Offering Prayer (Psalm 20, Mark 4)

This is our heart's desire, loving God, that you would take our money and our time, our prayers and our service, and transform them into the currency of your kingdom. Amen.

HYMN: The Church is Wherever God's People

VU #579

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Receive the new thing that God is creating within you.
Bless the new thing that God is creating within them.
Bless the new thing that God is creating in the world.

All: Amen!



The month of June starts a year of the United Church's 100th anniversary—an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future!

The theme for the Centennial is Deep, Bold, Daring. One of the first "united" churches in the world, from its formation the United Church has been rooted in:

Deep Spirituality

The words of Jesus' prayer that the disciples be one

Bold Discipleship

The belief that what unites us is stronger than our differences

Daring Justice

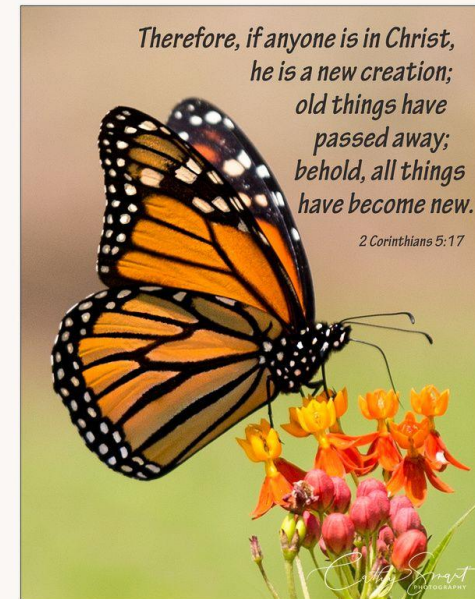
The desire to live out the gospel call to love and justice in Canada and around the world

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Worship Leader: LLWL Peggy Guiler

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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