

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me;  
**All: you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage; your powerful hand delivers me.**  
One: You will fulfil your purpose for me.  
**All: Your love, O God, is eternal. Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. (R)**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 3: 13 – 21 and 31 – 35**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** The Smallest Things

**REFLECTION:** We are Family

**HYMN:** The Servant Song VU #595



**WE RESPOND**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**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)* Loving God, we give you thanks through these gifts we now bring. Your faithful love has given us so much. As we return a portion of those gifts, bless them to your purposes. Send them out in your power, that all the world may know you are Beloved Parent of all, and that we are all part of your family.

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE DEPART**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Be Thou My Vision (vs. 1, 2) VU #642

**BENEDICTION:**

As we have gathered together as the family of God, so now we go forth to be family for the world. Go to love, go to include, go to share the presence of God's Spirit with family and friends.

**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

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: This is a day of new beginnings!

**All: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

One: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

**All: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marvelled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN:** This is the Day

VU # 412

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE *together*)

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

### Words of Assurance:

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours unconditional love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace. AMEN.

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

**HYMN:** Come In, Come In and Sit Down (vs. 1, 2, 4) VU #395

### WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

#### SCRIPTURES

read by Eric France

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 138

VU # 860

**Refrain: We worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth & grace.**

One: I praise you, O God, with all my heart; before the gods I will sing your praises.

**All: I bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name for your love and faithfulness;**

One: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

**All: On the day that I called, you answered me, and put new strength in my soul. (R)**

One: All earth's rulers shall praise you, when they hear the words of your mouth.

**All: They shall sing of your ways, O God, sing that your glory is great.**

One: For though you are high, you care for the lowly.

**All: As for the proud, you humble them from afar. (R)**

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

June 9, 2024

**Worship Leader: LLWL Heather King**

**Music: Chris Savory**



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