

Waterford United Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2024
Heather King, LLWL

MUSICAL PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER

GATHERING SONG: *(seated)* Tell Me the Stories of Jesus vs. 1 VU # 357

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Let God's praise be heard in the midst of the congregation.

All: Shout praise to the Lord of hosts!

One: Let God's praise be whispered in the spirits of the people!

All: We give you thanks for the many ways you have loved and guided us.

One: Let God's praise be proclaimed wherever we are.

All: May we praise God in all that we do and say AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: God is Here VU # 389

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made all things and called them good. You created humans in your image, and gave us a calling and a purpose. You lift up leaders and send out disciples to take part in your reconciling work in the world. Your love is endless, your mercy without measure. And so we praise you with heart, mind, strength and soul, in the name of Jesus, your Son, blessed by your spirit, working in us, around us and beyond us. Together we pray: **God of overflowing grace, we confess we often take your blessing for granted. Forgetting life is a precious gift, we waste time on things that don't matter. We complain when things don't go our way. Ignoring those who face even steeper challenges. Forgive us, O God. Renew our calling to share your abundant love for Jesus' sake.**

Assurance of Pardon:

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Receive the mercy of God this day, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: This Little Light of Mine printed

WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION: (together)

God of wisdom, we long to hear your word for our times and our lives. By the power of your Spirit, open the Scriptures for us. Prepare us to be challenged and changed as we encounter Christ, your Living Word.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 48 VU #772

One: Great is God, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

All: Fair and lofty is God's holy mountain, it is the joy of all the earth.

One: On Mount Zion, in the far north, stands the city of the Great Ruler,

All: in its citadels God is known as a sure defence. (R)

One: See how the rulers assembled, they raged together against it.

All: But when they saw it, they were astounded, they were dismayed and ready to flee.

One: Trembling came upon them, as anguish comes to a woman in childbirth,

All: as when the east wind blows and breaks up the ships of Tarshish.

One: As we have heard, so have we seen,

All: in the city of the God of hosts, the city our God upholds forever. (R)

One: We remember your steadfast love, O God, as we gather in your temple.

All: Your name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

One: Your right hand is filled with victory.

All: Let Mount Zion rejoice, and the children of Judah be glad because of your judgements.

One: Go in procession around the circuit of Zion, count the numbers of its towers.

All: take note of its ramparts, examine its citadel,

One: so that you may tell the next generation.

All: "Such is our God, and guide for ever." (R)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6: 1-13
MINISTRY OF MUSIC

REFLECTION: Teamwork

HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised VU #120

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

What we offer to God today is part of what God has given us. So give in faithfulness, trusting that God will provide for us and bless our efforts in Jesus' name.

Sung Dedication: What Can I Do? MVU #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.

Offertory Prayer: *(together)*

Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking your blessing on the ministries these gifts support. Work through our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace through Christ, in whose name we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE DEPART

CLOSING HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say VU #626

BENEDICTION:

Go in faith into whatever the week ahead may hold, sue that Christ walks with you. And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life bring you joy and peace, now and always.

CHORAL CLOSE: God 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
July 7, 2024

Worship Leader: LLWL Heather King
Music: Azrael Hackshaw



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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