

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

July 14, 2024

Rev. Jessica Hackshaw

MUSICAL PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness VU #260
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: With song and dance, with heart and mind,

All: **We worship God.**

One: With joy and enthusiasm, with works as well as our words,

All: **We worship God.**

One: In the heart of the faith community, with the whole of our being,

All: **Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN: I Feel the Winds of God Today VU #625

PRAYER

O God, you have created us for yourself. You have made our minds restless until they embrace your purpose as our own; our heart aimless, until they adopt your will as our own; and our hands profitless, until they seize your task as our own. We praise you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom you have revealed the person you created us to be. Let your revelation never cease until our minds and hearts and hands are wholly committed to your service.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION (Confession):

One: We hear the voice, O God, that reflects the truth about ourselves, the truth we would rather not hear.

All: **One part of us would like to silence the truth-teller; one part of us would like to learn from that voice.**

One: We hear the voice, O God, that calls us to revenge a wrong, and or hold a grudge and not let go.

All: **One part of us is ready to wait until we can get our own back; one part of us would bring the grudge into the open and ease it with love.**

One: We hear the voice, O God, that recalls a promise made, which we later regret bitterly.

All: **One part of us gives the weak reminder, "You cannot go back on your word"; One part of us is ready to confess our mistake and go in a faithful direction.**

TIME OF REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: You know us so well, O God. You know contradictions that bedevil us, the weakness we cannot counter, our unwillingness to face the dark side of our personalities. If we had to rely on ourselves, we would flounder and be lost. But you, O God, will not let us go- not now, not ever.

All: **You call on us to face reality. You show us how we can replace contradictions with certainty, weakness with strength, and our dark side with the light of Christ.**

One: In Christ you will receive pardon and peace. (From Prayer to share, Year B)

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S HYMN: Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands VU #570

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Sandra Hannah

Psalms 24 – VU #751

Refrain: Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

One: The earth is God's, and all that is in it; the world, and those who live upon it.

All: **For God founded it upon the seas, planted it firm over the waters beneath. (R)**

One: Who may ascend the mountain of God: Who may stand in God's holy place?

All: **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not set their minds on deceit, nor made false promises;**

One: they shall receive God's blessing, righteousness from the God who will save them.

All: **Such are those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)**

One: Lift up your heads, you gates!
All: **Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the One who rules in glory may enter.**
One: Who rules in glory?
All: **It is God, valiant and strong, God, who is mighty in battle.**
One: Lift up your heads, you gates!
All: **Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the One who rules in glory may enter.**
One: Who rules in glory?
All: **It is God of Hosts, God who rules in glory. (R)**

Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

Mark 6: 14 – 29

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN: Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus printed

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offering Prayer

One: Here we bring our gifts for your blessing, O God. Here we bring the rewards of our labors and dedicate our talents.

All: **To serving this faithful community, to serving our fellow men and women- bring reconciliation, healing, support, and caring. Bringing hope in the struggle, to enable people to fulfill their dreams, to proclaim the forgiving way. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: My Life Flows On VU #716

CHORAL BENEDICTION: 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

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Worship Leader: Rev. Tessica Hackshaw

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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Summer Announcements

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Rev. Tessica Hackshaw
for leading today's Worship**

PASTORAL CARE – We ask that you contact the office if you know of someone who needs a phone call or visit.

TRANSITION TEAM – As part of the process in the search for **Intentional Interim Ministry**, we are pleased to report that a Transition Team has been struck and meetings will begin soon! The congregation will be informed soon the names of those on the Team.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, July 21	Rev. Tessica Hackshaw
Sunday, July 28	Rev. Tessica Hackshaw
Sunday, August 4	LLWL Heather King
Sunday, August 11	Rev. Randy Mackenzie

MUSIC THROUGH THE YEARS

One of the first challenges was creating a new hymn book for all. The three churches (Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian) took five years to create the blue "Hymnary." This has been replaced several times until the "Voices United" we use today. The following are two examples of early hymns:

1870's

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.
With his own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

1780's

O for a Thousand Tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of His grace.

May we continue to sing these words of praise!



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

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day,
Ye that are here, now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

