

Waterford United Church  
Worship Service  
August 18, 2024

**WELCOME-**

**SILENCE:**

As we sit with our eyes closed and, in the silence, let us sense the Spirit of God moving among us, around us, between us, embracing each of us with love, gentleness and longing.

**GATHERING SONG:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU# 402  
(Christ Candle is Lit)

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Creativity God, you have made us one with this earth,  
to tend it and bring forth fruit;  
may we share in the labour of all creation  
to give birth to your hidden glory.  
May it be so. Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by all peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on  
earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen. (UIW2)

**OPENING HYMN** "The Church of Christ in Every Age" VU#601

**COLLECTIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
(What do we collectively need to ask forgiveness for?)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**SILENCE AS WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S LIVING WORD FOR US THIS DAY.**

The delight of a well-known story fills our hearts  
as we listen for its familiar end.

**May we hear in these stories, familiar and new,  
both wisdom and meaning for the days ahead.**

**SILENCE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Deuteronomy 10: 12, 14, 18-21

**REFLECTION – "What Does God Want of Us?"**

**HYMN** "God of Freedom, God of Justice" VU# 700

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(What/whom do we collectively need to pray for)

**OFFERING:**

**SONG OF DEDICATION** VU#543 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless our offering, we pray, that it may contribute to your purposes in this world. May it be a testament of our faith, showing our love to you, O God, as you have shown the truth about love to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**CLOSING HYMN** "Will you Come and Follow Me?" VU #567

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING- Micah 6:8**

God has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with our God!**

(The Christ Candle is extinguished)

**POSTLUDE**



## Summer Announcements

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Rev. Mary Jo Patterson  
for leading today's Worship**

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, August 25     Rev. Randy MacKenzie  
Sunday, September 1     LLWL Heather King  
Sunday, September 8     Rev. Randy MacKenzie  
Sunday September 15     Cori Angus

Cori has asked that you send or give her the name of your favourite flower and you most disliked weed by September 11. They can be sent to the office at 519-443-5261, [wucsecretary@bellnet.ca](mailto:wucsecretary@bellnet.ca) or to 519-802-2401.

### Decoration Day

Today in our continuing series of stories about the history of the United Church we celebrate Decoration Day at Greenwood Cemetery to honour the veterans.

The United Church in Waterford and nationally, were deeply involved in the war effort. One example of interest to us is a quote from the Official Board minutes from January 26, 1943.

- "After the annual congregational meeting, a radio was switched on and we all heard broadcasted the important news of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt's conference in Casablanca".
- In 1943 no lunch was served at the Annual Meeting because of rationing, A member of the Women's Association offered her rationing coupons so that tea could be served at the W.A. meeting.

Many other changes were to come!

We realize that we will not be covering the entire history of the United Church of Canada, but we hope that we will be choosing topics which interest you.

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

**August 18, 2024**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Mary Jo Patterson**

**Music: Chris Savory**



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**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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