

Waterford United Church

August 11, 2024

The Rev. Randy MacKenzie

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

WE GATHER

GATHERING SONG: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU #232

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

All: We light this candle for the good news we have shared, the good news in our hearts, and the good news that, wherever we go, God is with us.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(together)*

We come to worship here this morning, some with joyful hearts, and some with hurting souls. Christ is here, ready to celebrate, ready to heal. We come to worship this morning, some of us tired, some of us full of energy. Christ is here, giving us strength, giving us purpose. We come to worship this morning, some righteous, some repentant. Christ is here, full of grace, full of forgiveness. We come to worship this morning, some of us full of questions, some of us sure in our faith. Christ is here, present in doubt, present in assurance. We come to worship this morning, all of us, knowing...Christ is here!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: He Came Singing Love

VU #359

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(together)*

Words of Assurance:

God's love of the world is so great that God sent Jesus that we may truly live lives of peace and hope. Praise be to God.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

VU #605

WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 126

VU # 850

One: When God brought Zion's captives home, it seemed to us like a dream.

All: **But then our mouths were full of laughter, and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.**

One: Then they said among the nations: "God has done great things for them."

All: **Truly God has done great things for us, and therefore we rejoice.**

One: Restore our fortunes, O God, as streams refresh the Negev.

All: **Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.**

One: Those who go out weeping, carrying seed for sowing,

All: **shall come home with songs of joy, bringing in their sheaves.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7: 24 – 37

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

REFLECTION: *FINDING FAITH IN AN UNLIKELY PLACE*

HYMN: When I Needed a Neighbour

VU #600

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's very nature is love. May our gifts offer an outpouring of our love for God and our willingness to put that love into action.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE DEPART

CLOSING HYMN: We Have This Ministry VU #510

BENEDICTION:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion in the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and lead you onward, now and evermore.

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

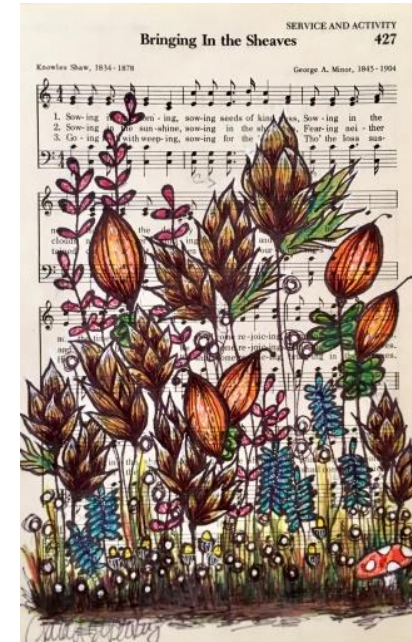
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WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

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Worship Leader: Rev. Randy MacKenzie

Music: Azrael Hackshaw



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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