

**WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION:** Psalm 51: 10, 11  
Create in me a clean heart, O Lord,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 91 (sung) VU # 808

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5: 1-16 The Beatitudes

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**REFLECTION:** *LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE*

**HYMN:** Jesus Bids us Shine VU #585

**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**

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

**WE DEPART**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Let There Be Light VU #679

**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

**RECESSIONAL**

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**

**August 25, 2024**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Randy MacKenzie**

**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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**Waterford United Church**  
**August 25 2024**  
**The Rev. Randy MacKenzie**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Land acknowledgement is a traditional custom that dates back centuries in many Native nations and communities. Let us say the acknowledgement together.

*This land is Sacred. It has been anointed for tens of thousands of years with the dust and bones of all those who lived here before us.*

*As we came here, we were invited to share this land with the original people, with a common love and concern for the land that we would live upon and share, in good ways.*

*To honour the conditions of the Dish-with-One-Spoon wampum treaty, we acknowledge that such Treaty agreements were not to be considered as land surrenders; but to be considered as agreements of sharing together.*

*We are all treaty people. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.*

**WE GATHER**

**GATHERING SONG:** We are One VU# 402

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

This Little Light of Mine

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**OPENING PRAYER**

We come to worship 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 HYMN:** Come, Let us Sing VU #222

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE**  
(together)

**God of life, You are the source of all goodness and the satisfaction of all our desires. Our understanding of You is small, Increase it.**  
**Our desire to do your will is weak, Enliven it.**  
**The seed You have planted within us has yet to bear fruit. Ripen it.**  
**But first, create in us clean hearts**  
**As, in Your sight,**  
**We unburden ourselves of guilt,**  
**Of and anger,**  
**Of fear,**  
**Of pride,**  
**Of hardness of heart**  
**Of weakness of intention.**

**Words of Assurance:**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN** Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU #340



## Summer Announcements

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