

**Waterford United Church**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Friendship Sunday**  
**August 4, 2024**  
**Heather King, LLWL**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On the first Sunday in August, we celebrate National Friendship Day to encourage people across the world to connect with friends. Expand your view of the world by making a new friend or reconnecting with an old friend.

**WE GATHER**

**GATHERING SONG:** *(seated)* We Are One (verse 1) VU # 402

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

You assure us Jesus, that wherever two or three are gathered in your name, you are there. We light this candle to remind ourselves and to celebrate your constant presence. May we always seek your guiding light in our lives.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: For the beauty of the summer day

**All: And the comfort of friends nearby;**

One: For the invitation to love and be loved,

**All: For our God who extends that call;**

One: For time set apart to nourish the soul,

**All: For time to go out into the world armed with love:**

One: For all these things we give thanks.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Fairest Lord Jesus VU # 341

**OPENING PRAYER (together)**

**God of all the summer days, we worship you. We experience you in the joy of meeting friends and greeting each other. God of all the summer days, we praise you. We experience you in family reunions and events that generate new friendships. God of all the summer days, we welcome you and adore you. We experience you in acts of compassion and deeds of caring. Come, be with us. Amen**

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

**HYMN:** Jesus Friend of Little Children

VU # 340

**WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION: (together)**

**God of all things, loving and caring, we come together to read your Word and listen for your Good News today. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 8

VU # 732

**Response: O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

One: O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**All: You have set up a stronghold against your foes, to quell the enemy and the avenger. (R)**

One: When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**All: what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us, mere human beings that you should care for us? (R)**

One: You have made us little less than divine, and crowned us with glory and honour.

**All: You have made us rulers over all your creation, and put all things under our feet,**

One: all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**All: the birds of the air and the fish in the sea, and all that make their way through the waters. (R)**

**GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17** (from The Message)

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**REFLECTION:** Friendship

**HYMN:** What A Friend We Have in Jesus

VU # 664

## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As we have been loved, so may we love others. As we have received from God's hand blessings beyond measure, may we also generously share with one another and with God's world. Let us present our offerings.

**Sung Dedication:** What Can I Do? MV #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)*

**Holy Spirit, we give thanks for all the blessings that have come our way. May these our gifts be a blessing for many and a love offering for all. Amen.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WE DEPART

**CLOSING HYMN:** I Have Called You By Your Name MV # 161

### BENEDICTION:

Arise friends and come away!  
Give your hearts to the One who made them.  
Give your souls to the One who strengthens them, and follow in the way of Jesus, this and every day. Amen.

**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

August 4, 2024

**Worship Leader: LLWL Heather King**

**Music: Chris Savory**



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*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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