

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
September 22, 2024
Led by Marilyn Antkiw and Margot Fournier
.....to the least of these.....

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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 come 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.

GATHERING SONG: Come in, Come In and Sit Down VU #395

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE – Andrea Borsy

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our hearts to receive your love.

All: **Come now, Lord, and pour your love into our lives once again.**

One: Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our eyes to see your glory.

All: **Come now, Lord, for we are waiting to see your face.**

One: Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our minds to understand your grace.

All: **Come now, Lord, for we want to experience all the blessings you want to give us.**

One: Come, Lord, and be one with us.

All: **Come now, Lord. We are waiting and watching and listening. We are ready to encounter your glory and seek your will for our lives.**

One: Come, Lord, and keep us alert to your calling.

All: **Come now, Lord. We are ready to honour you with our very being.**

One: Amen

OPENING HYMN: Small Things Count VU #361

PRAYER of REFLECTION /CONFESSION *(read in unison)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

One: Father, I pray that You might give me such a peaceful sense of assurance that I might never doubt that You own me.

All: I am yours both now and forever.

One: I pray that I might let the promises of your word guide me during the dark times.

All: I pray that my faith might grow each day in my walk with you.

PRAYER:

Lord, please open our minds to hear your message. Open our hearts to care for one another. Give our actions strength to help those that are in need of healing. Those that are grieving, those that live in poverty, those that are victims of abuse and those that are lonely. Guide us, Lord, to help those that need healing. Amen.

Psalm 82 *(read responsively)* VU page 799

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Luke 6: 20 – 26

Matthew 25: 31 – 46

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Jesu, Jesu

VU #593

**MESSAGE – Recognizing International Day
of the Eradication of Poverty**

HYMN: Jesus Christ is Waiting

VU #117

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER *(read in unison)*

Good God, you have shown us that many in our community are in need of healing. You give us strength to reach out to others and assist. When we are struggling, we know that you are our refuge and place of safety. You are a loving God and taught us how to pray, Our father who art in heaven...

OFFERING

Offering Prayer *(read together in unison)*

Dear God, as we make this offering, we ask that your spirit would fill it and us and all people, that your love may be revealed as we use these gift to care for those in need, wherever we may find them. Please abide in us as we love another in Jesus' name. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

VU #570

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: Marilyn Antkiw/Margot Fournier

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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