

Waterford United Church

September 8, 2024

The Rev. Randy MacKenzie

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WE GATHER

GATHERING SONG: This Day God Gives Me (vs. 1, 2) VU #410

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord."

OPENING PRAYER *(Unison)*

As on a first day you began the work of creating us,
as on the first day you raised your Son from the dead,
so on this first day, O Lord, freshen and remake us,
and as this week is new, let our lives
begin again because of Jesus who shows us Your loving power

OPENING HYMN: God We Praise You VU #415

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

HYMN: Praise Our Maker

VU #316

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 78

VU #792

GOSPEL READING: John 20: 24 – 28 (Appearance to Thomas)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

REFLECTION: Transforming Doubts

HYMN : All Who Hunger

VU #460

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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Insert

WE DEPART

CLOSING HYMN: Go To the World

VU #420

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

RECESSIONAL

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

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Worship Leader: Rev. Randy MacKenzie

Music: Chris Savory



ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WELCOME and THANK YOU TO
REV. RANDY MACKENZIE for leading today's Worship**

OFFICIAL BOARD will meet this Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

OUTREACH – The fall programs are starting. Our first Soup Supper will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at 5pm. All are welcome. There will also be a Soup Lunch after church on Sunday September 15th.

CHOIR – Choir practice starts on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. ALL SINGERS WELCOME!!

FREE CONCERTS – Windwerx Woodwind and Brass Quintet
Friday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

TRANSFORMING DOUBTS

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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