

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

October 13, 2024
Thanksgiving Sunday
Rev. Lena Medeiros

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Let Us Build a House MVU #1

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Peter Scovil

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Today we are gathered on 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.

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR RESTORATION

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,
we confess that too often our words and actions
are not consistent with our beliefs.

**Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance.

Compassionate One, hear our prayer:
stretch out your hand in healing love.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew your Spirit within us.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: This Is God's Wondrous World VU #296

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reveal to us your Word, O God.

**May your living and active Word
touch our hearts and open our minds.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1: Joel 2: 21 – 27 Peter Scovil

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

SCRIPTURE READING 2: Psalm 126 – VU #850 Peter Scovil

Refrain #2: *We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.*

SCRIPTURE READING 3: Matthew 6: 25 – 33 Peter Scovil

Reader: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Thanks Be To God! Besig / Price

REFLECTION: "Happy Thanksgiving"

HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation VU #227

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “What’s for Thanksgiving Dinner?”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Sung Dedication: Let All Things Now Living (verse 1) VU #242

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us onto the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

Offertory Prayer:

Generous God, giver of every good thing,
receive our gifts, we pray.

**Challenge us to find new and renewing ways to give,
so your work may be done. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: The Servant Song VU #595

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSE: The Lord Bless You and Keep You
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE



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Worship Leader: Rev. Lena Medeiros
Music: Chris Savory



THANKSGIVING

**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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{from “Intentional Interim Ministry: Resource for Governing Body of Community of Faith,” December 2021, United Church of Canada}

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