

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**

**October 20, 2024**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Lena Medeiros**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** David Matheson

**TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have gathered to worship God.

**We have come seeking comfort,  
inspiration, community, and insight.**

We have come to open ourselves  
to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the seasons  
and the turnings in our lives,  
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR RESTORATION**

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 all our whole heart and mind and strength.

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry.**

In your mercy

**forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;**

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN:** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU #559

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**By the power of your Spirit, O God,  
may we hear the promise and hope of your word  
spoken to us through scripture. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Lindsay and Anna Matheson

**Scripture Reading 1:** Job 38: 1 – 11

**Reader:** This is the witness of Israel.

**All: Thanks be to God for the Word.**

**Scripture Reading 2:** Psalm 104 (Parts 1 & 2)

VU #826 – 827

*Refrain #1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty who rules all creation.*

**Scripture Reading 3:** Mark 10:43b – 45

**Reader:** This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**All: Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Azrael Hackshaw

**REFLECTION:** "Q&A"

**HYMN:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VU #264

**PRAYER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY  
FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY**

**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:**

God of the hungry,  
make us hunger and thirst for the right,  
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied,  
and hunger has gone from the earth. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

VU #421

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL CLOSE:** Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day,  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know God 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.*

**POSTLUDE**

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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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