

THE LORD'S PRAYER

With Jesus, we pray together, saying:
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

SHARING THE BREAD and CUP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Sung Dedication: We Praise You, O God (verse 1) VU #218

Offertory Prayer:

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God.
Help us to give with them a ready mind,
a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU #481

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSE: Go Now in Peace D. Besig

*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

*Go Now
in Peace*



Waterford United Church
October 6, 2024
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Rev. Lena Medeiros



PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING SONG: We Are One VU #402

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: Eternal, Unchanging We Sing VU #223

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture,
may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts,
may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives,
may your Word be shown. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1: 1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10

Carol Goff

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

SCRIPTURE READING 2: Mark 1: 9 – 15

Carol Goff

Reader: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Eat This Bread

VU #471

REFLECTION: “Waking up”

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together

VU #480

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth,

we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise.

You formed the universe in your wisdom

and created all things by your grace.

We praise you for all your good gifts:

the witness of saints and prophets;

the work of faithful women and men;

this earth in all its blessing and promise;

and this bread, once scattered,

now brought together and made one.

In the hope that your people

may be brought together from the ends of the earth

into your reign of justice and compassion,

we gather with those of every time and every place

to give you praise and glory. {Canada}

SONG OF CREATION

Lord of lords, Creator of all things,

nature gives thanks,

your creatures give thanks.

Your praise rises in us like the great river.

God of all things, Creator, Provider,

we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ.{West Africa}

REMEMBERING JESUS AT TABLE

PRAYER OF SELF-GIVING

By this bread and cup,

we remember Christ

and share in the mystery

of your being, your bliss, your purpose. {India}

AFFIRMATION OF MEMORY & HOPE

By what we do here, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

REMEMBERING THE COMMUNITY

Help us to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness,

may we stand with all who stumble.

Sharing in his suffering,

may we remember all who suffer.

Held in his love,

may we embrace all whom the world denies.

Rejoicing in his forgiveness,

may we forgive all who sin against us.

CONCLUDING PRAISE

We praise you, eternal God,

through Christ your Word made flesh,

and in the power of your life-giving Spirit,

now and forever.

Let the people say, “Amen!” **Amen.**

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Intentional Interim Minister for Waterford United Church**

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

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