

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**  
**November 3, 2024**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Lena Medeiros**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG:** Joyful, Joyful

VU #232

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Carol Goff

**TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**GATHERING PRAYER:** Isaiah 43: 19

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

**Here. Now. In the midst of daily life.**

The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.

**Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you have been faithful,

**yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts.**

You showed us how to love our fellow human beings,

**yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Turn us back to you, O God,

**that we may follow your commandments.**

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. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN:** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

VU #326

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O Lord, you are our God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us through your Word to follow after you.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING 1:** Psalm 146

VU #868

Carol Goff

**SCRIPTURE READING 2:** Mark 12: 28–34

Carol Goff

**Reader:** May God bless to our understanding this reading from the Holy Scriptures.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** My Life Flows On

VU #716

**REFLECTION:** "First Love"

**HYMN:** Though I May Speak

VU #372

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**Sung Dedication:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

**Offertory Prayer**

With these gifts, O God, we express a small portion of our love for you, and for our neighbours.

**Take what we offer and use it to help fill the world to overflowing with your abundant goodness. Amen.**

**A PRAYER FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** For All the Saints

VU #705

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL CLOSE:** May God's Sheltering Wings MVU #214

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,

And hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.



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**Worship Leader: Rev. Lena Medeiros**  
**Music: Chris Savory**

**THE M & P COMMITTEE** – will meet on Monday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** will meet on Friday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** will be hosting their monthly Free Soup Supper (Loaves of Bread) on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**THE CHOIR** – Thursday, November 7 **AT THE NEW TIME** of 6:30 p.m.

**THE OFFICIAL BOARD** will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. All Committee Chairs or a representative are encouraged to attend.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE PLANNING THEIR ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER** on Friday, December 6 and prep night would on Wednesday, December 4. We need to know if there is enough congregational support and workers to do the dinner. Please reach out to a Trustee (Jim, Chris, Andrea, Wendy, Brian or Margot) if you can help. The money will be split evenly between Outreach Soup supper (Loaves of Bread) and the general fund.

**PORT DOVER COMMUNITY SING-ALONG featuring GOSPEL SONGS AND SPIRITUALS** at Grace United Church (18 Chapman St. W. at St. George) on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:p.m. \$2 cost. See bulletin board for further details.

**SCRIPTURE READERS AND CANDLE LIGHTERS REQUIRED!!**

See Diane or Cori.

**OUTREACH OUTDOOR PANTRY** – With colder weather coming, please consider a cash donation or a non-perishable food donation to our Outdoor Pantry. There is a drop off container conveniently located in the gym.

**New Members** are also welcome to our Outreach Team. See Marilyn if interested.



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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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