

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**  
**March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Rev. Lena Medeiros**

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GATHERING SONG:** Morning Has Broken VU #409

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you,  
and Christ's presence in your midst!

**Our eyes shall be opened!**

**The present will have new meaning,  
and the future will be bright with hope.**

Rejoice, people of God!

Bow your heads before the One  
who is our wisdom and our strength.

**We place ourselves before our God,  
that we may be touched and cleansed  
by the power of God's spirit.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR RESTORATION**

Jesus went to the mountain and was changed.  
Transformed.

**But change is hard for us.**

You call us, O God, to change our lives.

**But change is hard for us.**

You call us, O God, to change our hearts.

**But change is hard for us.**

You call us, O God, to change our thinking.

**But change is hard for us.**

Open our lives, our hearts, our thinking,

**Open us, O God, to your loving changes.**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** Take, O Take Me as I Am (sing 2X) MVU #85

**SPIRIT SIGHTINGS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of Life, God of Love,  
**open our hearts and enter in,  
that hearing your word of love,  
we may become your love for others. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURES:** Marilyn Antkiw

**SCRIPTURE READING 1:** Exodus 34:29–35

**SCRIPTURE READING 2:** Psalm 99 VU #819

***Refrain: You rule with justice in delight, and faithfulness maintain.***

You reign, O God, and the peoples tremble. You sit enthroned upon the  
cherubim, and the earth is quaking.

**You, O God, are great in Zion, you are exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name; holy are you and mighty, a  
ruler who delights in justice.

**You have determined what is fair, you have done in Jacob what is just and  
right. (R)**

Moses and Aaron were among your priests, Miriam among those who called  
on your name; they called to you, God, and you answered.

**In the pillar of cloud you spoke to them, they kept your teachings and the  
law that you gave them.**

O God, our God, you answered them;

**To them you were a forgiving God, though you punished their offences.**

Proclaim the greatness of God and worship on God's holy hill;

**For God, our God, is the Holy One. (R)**

**SCRIPTURE READING 3:** Luke 9:28–43a

**Reader:** May God bless to our understanding these readings from the Holy  
Scriptures.

**All: Amen.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Never Ending Joy MVU #40

**REFLECTION:** "Behind the Veil"

**HYMN:** Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU #299

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**SUNG DEDICATION:** Let All Things Now Living (vs. 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.*

### SENDING FORTH

Go into the world.  
**We go to shine with the glory of God,  
and to live your lives fully,  
that God will be forever glorified! Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** This Is the Day (sing 2x) MVU #122

### BENEDICTION

**CHORAL CLOSE:** Go Now in Peace Don Besig / Nancy Price  
*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

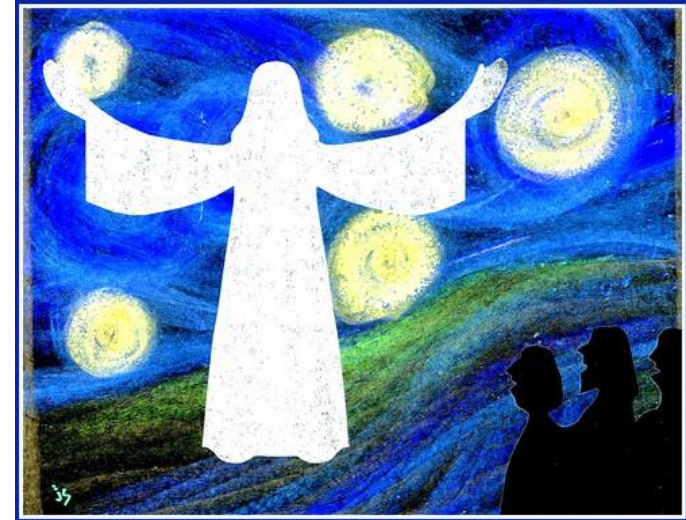


## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

March 2, 2025

**Worship Leader: Rev. Lena Medeiros**

**Music: Chris Savory**



### TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOOK CLUB** – will meet after church **TODAY** to discuss “Cutting for Stone.” Please come with a request for our next book.

**OUTREACH MEETING** – March 3 at 10 a.m. (**note time change**) Anybody wishing to attend is welcome! More hands make light work!

**COME CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** here at Waterford United Church on Friday March 7, 2025 at 2 pm. The Cook Islands in the South Pacific will be highlighted this year in this global ecumenical service. People of 5 denominations here in the Waterford area will participate in the service. Refreshments and social time will follow. Everyone welcome!

**OUTREACH** - The Outreach Team will be hosting a **SOUP SUPPER** (Loaves of Bread) on Wednesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

**THE MARCH SOUP LUNCH** as been moved to Sunday, March 23. Please note the change of date. We are planning on having Stew and Biscuits this month.

**THE TRANSITION TEAM** would like to invite you to attend one of the following **LISTENING CIRCLES**, with the theme of pastoral care:

**Sunday, March 9** at 11:45 pm. (following the worship service) in the parlour

**Wednesday, March 19** at 4 pm. on Zoom (register with Lana by 9 pm. on March 19 so a link can be sent to you to join the circle)

**Wednesday, March 26** at 7 pm. (in the parlour or an alternate space)

Each year in the United Church of Canada, **A LENTEN STUDY** is promoted for communities of faith. This year's study is inspired by the book "Something Sacred", and an online study session will be held each Tuesday during Lent from 1 to 2 pm. Anyone may register on ChurchX to join in the online study (at a charge of \$39.95 for 6 sessions). The 1st session will be March 11, and the final session will be April 15. The theme of the book focuses on the hymns of our faith, and will be of interest as the United Church provides a new hymn resource entitled "Then Let Us Sing." What we sing together has the power to change us.

**THANK YOU** from Bloomsburg Public School for the donation of mittens, hats and socks from our Mitten Tree. See the bulletin board to read their letter.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5

Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to observe the day

### LENT 1

Sunday, March 9 service at 10:30 a.m.  
Communion

### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13 service at 10:30 a.m.  
Soup Lunch will follow

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17

Following choir practice, the choir will clear the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

All congregants are invited to attend to help prepare the sanctuary.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18 service at 10:30 a.m.

Prayers and music will tell the Easter story

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, April 20 Sunrise Service in the Golden Pond parking lot at the north end of St. James Street at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast will follow at the church

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Communion