

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 16, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Peggy Guiler

### GATHERING

#### LENTEN INTROIT (choir)

Blessed is He that cometh in the name, in the name of the Lord!

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**HYMN:** Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU #108

#### LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

##### Meditation

(Silent Time)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems.

*(a candle is extinguished)*

Let us Pray:

**All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURES

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 27 VU #754

**Refrain:** *God is my light and saving health, I shall not be afraid.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE:** Luke 13: 31 – 35

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** God So Loved the World

**MESSAGE:** Under His Wing

**HYMN:** What Does the Lord Require of You VU #701

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING

**Offertory:** Giver of the Perfect Gift (vs. 1) VU #116

*Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,  
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift, gathered at thy throne of grace.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (sung) VU #960

#### WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**HYMN:** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU #563

### BENEDICTION

**SUNG BLESSING:** O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs. 2) VU #120

*O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.*





**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. Please plan to come for a hot lunch and fellowship following the service and to support Outreach initiatives.

#### **LENTEN SERVICES**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 23 - 10:30 a.m. leader to be determined
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 30 - 10:30 a.m. leader to be determined
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	April 6 - 10:30 a.m. led by LLWL Heather King
Palm Sunday	April 13 - 10:30 a.m. led by LLWL Heather King
Good Friday	March 29 - 10:30 a.m. leader to be determined

**FREE CONCERT** – Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. featuring the talents of musicians Jennifer Langton and Mary Ann Gorsci. Please come to enjoy the beautiful acoustics of our sanctuary and bring a friend! Light refreshments will follow.

## **WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**

### **March 16, 2025**

**Worship Leader: Peggy Guiler**

**Music: Chris Savory**



### ***2nd Sunday in Lent***

*Today we are gathered in 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.*

**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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## **CGIT / EXPLORERS**

We are continuing our series from the history of the United Church of Canada from its beginning in 1925 up to the present. Today's theme is CGIT and Explorers both nationally and locally.

**CGIT** - In 1915 a small group of ecumenically minded individuals representing the YMCA and YWCA and the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches formed a committee to study the needs and interests of teenage girls and come up with an outline for the CGIT program. Girls conferences were held across Canada. These were weekend events including Friday night and Saturday sessions, a Saturday night banquet and Sunday afternoon church service. By 1920, churches were convinced of the value of CGIT as a church centred program.

Here at Waterford United Church, the first reference to CGIT is in the 1947 Annual Report. A group of church women organized a GGIT group which met in the basement of the old church. It was a very large, open space in that part of the church, and according to Mrs. Olive Woodard, one of the organizers of the group, discipline was a challenge with 20-25 lively girls, but that the program was a good preparation for life. GGIT continued off and on it seems, over the next 20 years. In 1982 Barb Stewardson, Sandra Hannah and Andrea Borsy were leaders of the CGIT group, assisted by Christine Cameron-O'Neill and Mary Anne MacGowan. The Waterford CGIT worked with a similar group from Villa Nova. The two groups shared activities with CGIT groups in other area churches.

The Waterford and Villa Nova groups worked together to attend the Jamboree at Algonquin Park in 1985. After a beautiful sunny Friday and Saturday, a torrent of rain swept through the campgrounds Saturday night. Many of the tents were flattened and some of the girls and leaders went to Huntsville, where kindly folks took the soaked sleeping bags and clothing to their homes to dry and provided comfort and shelter until morning. Not to be daunted by this experience, in 1990 cars were loaded once again and a group headed off to Sarnia for the Jamboree. The theme of "wet tents" continued. This time the group departed in the rain AND came home in the rain.

**Explorers** - Explorers was developed as a program of Christian Education for juniors, aged 9 to 11, too young to be part of the CGIT. In 1950, Mrs. Olive Woodard organized an Explorer group. They enjoyed singing, food, hikes, crafts and helping with various church and community activities. They shared mutual experiences with the CGIT, such as the Christmas Candlelighting service and the Mother and Daughter Banquets. In 1980, the Explorer group was reorganized with membership fluctuating between 5 and 15. Leaders during this period were Eileen Henderson, Linda Ramage, Susan Stevenson, Suzanne Stewardson, Hiida Sostar,, Jennifer Hannah. This group remained active until 1990.

**Source: Waterford United Church: A History**