

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 23, 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Wayne Kennington

The Ministry of the Congregation

**A Warm Welcome** to everyone worshipping with us today at Waterford United Church. May this time together be a blessing to you as you pause to praise God, to give thanks and to gather spiritual strength for the coming week.

Please join us for the **Outreach Soup Lunch and Fellowship Time** after the service.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

#### LENTEN INTROIT (choir)

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

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being. And so, in every moment of every day, we dance with God, and God dances with all creation. We don't often notice that we're dancing, but sometimes, every once in a while, God's music and movement breaks through, and we KNOW!! When we gather together as a community of faith, we gather to help one another to become open to the presence of God. We gather to help one another be intentional in that relationship. We gather to help one another, and in helping one another, WE WORSHIP GOD.

*(Extinguish the third candle)*

#### OPENING PRAYER:

This is a movement prayer:

One: Creator touch our minds

**All: that we may worship with understanding**

One: Christ touch our eyes

**All: that we may recognize each other**

One: Holy Spirit touch our voices

**All: that our words would always praise you**

One: Love Divine touch our hearts

**All: that your compassion would overflow**

One: God of all touch our hands

**All: that all we touch would be blessed  
that all we touch would be transformed  
that all we touch would be made new,  
by your love**

One: with all that we are

**All: we worship you AMEN**

**HYMN:** O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

VU #560

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**TIME FOR YOUNG AT HEART** Spirit Moments

#### SCRIPTURES:

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 63

VU #781

***Refrain #1: In the morning I will sing glad songs of praise to you.***

You are my God, I long for you from early morning. My whole being desires you like a dry, worn, waterless land. My soul thirsts for you.

**In the sanctuary let me see how mighty are your works; your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you. (R)**

I will give thanks as long as I live; I raise my hands in prayer.

**My soul will feast and be filled, and I will sing and praise you. (R)**

As I lie in bed, I remember you, O God; I think of you all night long, for you are my constant help.

**In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. I cling to you, your hand keeps me safe. (R)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 55 1 – 9

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

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** Will You Come and Follow Me

VU #567

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Marilyn Antkiw

**OFFERING**

**Offertory:** What Can I Do?

MVU #191

*What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, we thank you for your abundant blessings in our lives. As we bring our tithes and offerings before you today, we ask that you bless these gifts and use them for your glory. May they further your kingdom and bring hope to those in need. Amen**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN**

**"because God is there"**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung)*

VU #960

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

**HYMN:** In the Garden

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**BENEDICTION :**

**One:** Let us go into God's world, practising our faith,

**All:** **living Christ's call to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

**One:** Let us go into God's world

**All:** **knowing we are never alone. Christ's peace, the Creator's love, and the breath of the Holy Spirit go with us.**

**Amen!**

**SUNG BLESSING:** *And He walks with me and He talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.....*

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**

**March 23, 2025**

**Worship Leader: Wayne Kennington**

**Minister of Music: Chris Savory**



***3rd 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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**THANK YOU to Wayne Kennington for leading in Worship today.**

**PRAYERS** - We have received sad news that Rick and Elaine's daughter and Adam's mom, Tobi, passed away unexpectedly on Friday. Please hold the Woloshyn family in your prayers.

**OUTREACH SOUP LUNCH TODAY.** Please plan to stay for hot stew and biscuits and a time of fellowship following the service to support Outreach initiatives.

**We need your input into the review of our church.** Please see the **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE** attached to the Bulletin.

We have received notice that as appointed by Horseshoe Falls Region, **REV. HEATHER LEFFLER** has agreed to offer **PASTORAL CARE** to members of WUC who feel they need it specifically in relation to the review process. Please contact her at [hleffler@rogers.com](mailto:hleffler@rogers.com) or via cell 519-573-9642.

**FOR ALL OTHER PASTORAL CARE** needs, please contact the office to arrange for an appointment.

**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.

**CALL FOR COOKIES** – Cori is seeking help with cookie baking for the refreshments following the free concert this Friday night. Please let her know if you can help out!

**LOST OR HIDING** - a book called "The Spoon Stealer" was making the rounds of readers at church. If it is perhaps hiding on your bookshelf, would you please bring it back to Chris. She's thinking about reading it again!

**KITCHEN VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** If you can volunteer to help prepare an **Easter Breakfast** following the Sunrise Service at about 8:00 a.m. Please see Wayne Kennington.



**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT** March 30 - 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Gary Patterson

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT** April 6 - 10:30 a.m. led by LLWL Heather King

**PALM SUNDAY** Sunday, April 13 service at 10:30 a.m. led by LLWL Heather King. Soup Lunch will follow.

**GOOD FRIDAY** Friday, April 18 service at 10:30 a.m. Prayers and music will tell the Easter story. Led by Chris Savory

**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. led by Wayne Kennington. It is planned that Breakfast will follow at the church

**EASTER SUNDAY** Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Joe Calverley

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### IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. (R)

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be failing,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, his voice to me is calling. (R)