

**THANK YOU** to Rev. Gary Patterson  
for leading in Worship today  
and to Azrael Hackshaw  
for his music ministry.



**COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED THE REVIEW REPORT** from Carol Hancock. WUC representatives have met with Regional Council and we will soon learn what actions they will take. You will be kept informed.

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, contact the office for an appointment.

**ROOFING WORK** – the roofers are continuing the repair on the parlour roof area. They will be setting up their crane in the north Church Street entrance area and their disposal trailer at the west front sidewalk area so these doors will be blocked for a few days next week. Please keep these areas open for the workers and continue to use the gym doors.

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!** A special service and lunch is being planned for Sunday, June 8 when churches across Canada will be celebrating. Put the date on your calendar!!

**A SPAGHETTI DINNER** is being served at Colborne Village United Church on Sunday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. and includes musical entertainment. See bulletin board for more information.

**LYNN VALLEY VOICES** present their Spring Fling concerts at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday, April 27 at Grace United Church, Port Dover, and next Sunday, May 4 at First Baptist Church, Simcoe. Admission by donation. See flyer on bulletin board.

## **WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**

### **April 27, 2025**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Gary Patterson**  
**Music: Azrael Hackshaw**



### ***Second Sunday of Easter***

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*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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WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH  
Sunday, April 27, 2025  
EASTER 2  
Rev. Gary Patterson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE  
CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Loving God, this is the day that you are making.  
**All:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*  
**One:** You have raised Christ from the grave and overcome death.  
**All:** *You have defeated the power of evil and oppression.*  
**One:** We long for your presence, and we open ourselves to your Spirit.  
**All:** *Christ, our living Chief, you are with us, and we give you thanks.*  
**One:** We look for signs of your rising; and we live in a world that longs for your living presence.  
**All:** *Breathe your Spirit into us, and raise us to new life, that we may be living evidence of your resurrection, the Body of your risen Christ. Amen.*

**HYMN:** You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen VU #185

OPENING PRAYER

Resurrecting God, when the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, he offered them signs of peace, and breathed his spirit on them. Breathe your Spirit into us, and grant us seeing hearts, that we may live as your faithful disciples, and offer peace and healing in a broken world. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

read by Janet Snow

Psalms 150

VU page 874

**Refrain:** *Praise to the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.*

**One:** Praise God in the holy temple:  
**All:** **Praise God for mighty deeds!**  
**One:** Praise God for bountiful mercies,  
**All:** **Praise God who meets all our needs! (R)**  
**One:** Praise God with sound of trumpet!  
**All:** **Praise God with lute and harp!**  
**One:** Praise God with timbrel and dancing!  
**All:** **Praise God wherever you are! (R)**

**One:** Praise God with holy cymbals!  
**All:** **Praise God with strings and with pipes!**  
**One:** Praise God with clash of cymbals!  
**All:** **Praise God with all your might! (R)**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Azrael Hackshaw

MESSAGE

**HYMN:** Breathe on Me Breath of God VU #538

OFFERING:

As we hear the stories, it's still sinking in. Jesus is alive! What does it mean? How do we respond? Like Thomas and the other followers, with praise and generosity? Let us praise God as we present our offerings.

**Offertory:** For the Gift of Creation VU #538

*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.*

**Prayer of Dedication:** Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modelling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus' name. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN:** Be Thou My Vision VU # 642

**BENEDICTION:** Now to God who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SUNG BLESSING: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of everyday  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true  
Know He 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.