

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, June 1, 2025

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

LLWL Heather King

Today is the final Sunday of the Easter season, a time to reflect on the powerful teachings of Christ before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

##### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

We light this candle as a sign of Christ at work in us.

May its light brighten our spirits, and may the light of God shining through us, brighten the world.

**GATHERING HYMN:** Come & Find the Quiet Centre (vs. 1 seated) VU #374

##### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**All: May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!**

One: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

**All: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

One: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

**All: Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. AMEN.**

Source: Ministry Matters.com

**HYMN:** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245

##### PRAYER OF ADORATION: *(together)*

*Dear Lord, we come before you eager to praise you, ready to set aside our thoughts and musings of the week to come. Guide us into worship as we yearn to see, hear and feel your presence this hour. Amen.*

##### YOUNG AT HEART

**HYMN:** One More Step Along the Road I Go (vs. 1 – 4) VU #639

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

##### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(together)*

*God of the ages, open our ears and our hearts. Open us to a new message in familiar words. Open us to new thinking and new actions. Amen*

##### SCRIPTURES:

Responsive Psalm 97

VU # 817

John 17: 20 – 26 (The Message)

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** My Life Flows On

VU #716

**MESSAGE:** Jesus Prays for Us

**HYMN:** What A Friend We Have in Jesus

VU #664

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**OFFERING INVITATION:** You are invited at this time to consider the multiple ways that you can give to the life, work, and ministry of this church and the wider church for the sake and love of creation.

**Offertory:** 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.*

**Prayer of Dedication:** *(together)*

*Generous God, we thank you for your gift of new life in Christ Jesus.*

*Receive our gifts this day, and bless each gift and each giver. Use each one to witness to your purposes through our congregation and throughout the world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

##### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

##### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**HYMN:** May the God of Hope

VU #424

##### BENEDICTION

**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.

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**THE UNITED CHURCH  
OF CANADA  
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration  
at Waterford United Church  
on SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.  
when churches across Canada  
will be celebrating.**

**As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, appreciations will be  
expressed to our UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

**Lunch to follow  
RSVP at 519-443-5261 / 519-443-7297**

**Please join us as we celebrate  
this milestone!**

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**Worship Leader: LLWL Heather King  
Music: Chris Savory**



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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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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for leading in Worship today



**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!!

**OUTREACH SOUP SUPPER (Loaves of Bread)** will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:00p.m. All are welcome! There will be no Soup Suppers during July and August.

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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.

**COLBORNE VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH** is serving a takeout **Pickarel Dinner** on Friday, June 6 from 4 – 6:30 p.m. Advance Tickets are \$30 by calling 519-426-0869. Details are on the bulletin board.

**CONCERT AND STRAWBERRY SOCIAL** – Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the talents of Maestro Angus Sinclair followed by a delicious strawberry dessert. Proceeds from the dessert help to support the maintenance of our piano and organ.



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