

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, May 25, 2025 - EASTER 6
Rev. Gary Patterson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator, parent of the human family,

we gather to worship you.

In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

we gather to worship you.

Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,

we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings from your story in thoughts and reflections. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER:

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you.

We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbours and friends. We come here where we are known by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully with all of your creation. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

SONG: Come, Let Us Sing

VU #222

PSALM 67

VU #786

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, God, let the nations shout their joy.

Be gracious unto us, O God, and bless us; and let the light of your face shine upon us,

That your ways may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy,

For you judge the peoples righteously and guide the nations of the earth.

The earth has yielded its harvest and you, our God, have blessed us.

Your blessing, O God, be upon us. May all the ends of the earth revere you. (R)

JOHN 14: 23 – 29

23Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

28You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Jesus Loves Me

arr. Geoff Snow

MESSAGE: Untroubled

SONG: Bring Many Names

VU #268

OFFERING INVITATION: The Holy Spirit reminds us of what Jesus taught us: to view the world and its inhabitants in the light of God’s love. Trusting that we can reflect God’s love in our own world through our offerings and actions, let us now present our gifts.

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: God of love, take our gifts and send them to places we never dreamed they would go. Let us follow your lead and give from our hearts. Please accept these gifts, and those given through PAR and online, as a symbol of your love for us and the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG: I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry VU #644

BENEDICTION: Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever 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.



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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
Our 100th 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 100th 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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May 25, 2025**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Gary Patterson
Music: Chris Savory**



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JOHN 14:27

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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