

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Rev. Mary Jo Patterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING:

'Today is a day the Lord has made', says an old religious writer,

'let us therefore rejoice and be glad in it'.

It is indeed! It is also good to be together again!

For it is a sacred time, this.

And a sacred place, this.

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: Spirit of Life (2X)

VU #381

SILENCE

As we sit with our eyes closed and, in the silence, let us sense the Spirit of God moving among us, around us, between us, and embracing each of us with love, gentleness and longing.

OPENING PRAYER:

Spirit of Life, we gather, grateful for the companionship of hearts and minds seeking to speak the truth in love. We gather, grateful for our heritage, for the women and men before us whose prophetic words and deeds make possible our dreams and our insight. As people who have promised faithfulness through bad times as well as good, we ask for comfort, strength and guidance to keep us on that path of faithfulness as we face the challenges of the future. And we gather grateful for the gift of life itself, mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is and to insist on what it can become. In Jesus' name, we pray Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

VU #651

YOUNG AT HEART

SILENCE AS WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD FOR US THIS DAY

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 14 – 18 (paraphrased)

Then Peter stood up with the other disciples, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Beloved Ones of God! In the last days, God says:

'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your children will prophesy, your elders will dream dreams, and your youth will see visions. On my servants, people of all genders and races, I will pour out my Spirit in those days!"

GOSPEL READING: John 16: 12 – 15 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

THE MEDITATION: "New Plans"

OFFERING:

Offering Prayer: Empowering God, we believe your Spirit is with us this day, leading us into a new future. We offer our time, talents, finances, and hopes, trusting you to do more than we can dream possible. Bless us and these offerings with your Spirit. May we be bold disciples, deeply connected to you, who dare to act for justice. We pray for this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERNS

CLOSING HYMN: On Pentecost They Gathered VU #195 (tune VU #421)

CLOSING BLESSING:

May the power of the Spirit awaken your heart with awe, and may your witness awaken the world in which you live.

May we travel together, listen together, love together, and grow together in the life of Christ, as the Body of Christ. For we are called to life – to live a Deep Spirituality, a Bold Discipleship, and a Daring Justice in Christ's name, through whom all things are possible. Praise be to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine! Glory be to God, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation. Amen!

(The Christ Candle is extinguished)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BROADVIEW MAGAZINES – A few copies of The 100th Anniversary Edition keepsake of Broadview Magazine are left and available at the back of the sanctuary for you to pick up if you didn't get yours last week.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, June 22 following the Worship service. This meeting will approve the **2024 ANNUAL REPORT** and approve the **2025 BUDGET**. Copies of the Report have been sent out electronically and a few hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary today. **We encourage as many of our congregation as possible to attend. Your opinions and ideas are valued.**

We are in receipt of the Carol Hancock Review Report and the resulting recommendations from Horse Shoe Falls Regional Council. These reports will be described to the congregation by a Regional Representative who will chair the **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22**. As the review report is a lengthy document it will be made available to peruse in the office after the June 22 meeting.

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 or via cell 519-573-9642. **FOR ALL OTHER PASTORAL CARE** needs, contact the office for an appointment.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, June 22	led by Rev. Gary Patterson
Sunday, June 29	led by LLWL Mae Bedford
Sunday, July 6	led by LLWL Heather King
Sunday, July 13	to be determined
Sunday, July 20	led by Rev. Randy McKenzie
Sunday, July 27	Led by LLWL Mae Bedford

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Worship Leader: Rev. Mary Jo Patterson

Music: Azrael Hackshaw



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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