

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

July 20, 2025

The Rev. Randy MacKenzie

### MUSICAL PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### WE GATHER

GATHERING SONG: We Are One VU #402

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: Jesus Bids Us Shine VU #585

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord. "

#### OPENING PRAYER:

We come to worship this morning, some with joyful hearts, and some with hurting souls. Christ is here, ready to celebrate, ready to heal. We come to worship this morning, some of us tired, some of us full of energy. Christ is here, giving us strength, giving us purpose. We come to worship this morning, some righteous, some repentant. Christ is here, full of grace, full of forgiveness. We come to worship this morning, some of us full of questions, some of us sure in our faith. Christ is here, present in doubt, present in assurance. We come to worship this morning, all of us, knowing . . . Christ is here!

OPENING HYMN: Come Let Us Sing to the Lord VU #222

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(together)*

God of life, You are the source of all goodness and the satisfaction of all our desires. Our understanding of You is small. Increase it. Our desire to do your will is weak. Enliven it. The seed You have planted within us Has yet to bear fruit. Ripen it. But first , create in us clean hearts as, in Your sight, we unburden ourselves of guilt, of anger, of fear, of pride, of hardness of heart, of weakness of intention.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION: Psalm 51: 10, 11

Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 91 (sung) VU #808

GOSPEL READING: Romans 8 (selected)

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

REFLECTION: *The Gift of the Rabbi*

#### WE RESPOND

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Almighty God, we bring gifts of time, talent and treasure and offer them here that you might be glorified.

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.*

Offertory Prayer

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### WE DEPART

CLOSING HYMN: Let There Be Light VU #679

#### BENEDICTION:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion in the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and lead you onward, now and evermore.

**CHORAL CLOSE:** 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



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT SUNDAY, July 27 – CHRISTMAS IN JULY** will be led by LLWL Mae Bedford. Please come and enjoy the festivities!

**FOR PASTORAL CARE** needs, contact the office for an appointment.

**FREE CONCERT** – Friday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. featuring pianists **Stuart and Eric Eigler**. Come and enjoy the beautiful acoustics of our sanctuary. Light refreshments follow.

**A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SENDING E-TRANSFERS** has been set up for the church and is [wucdonations@gmail.com](mailto:wucdonations@gmail.com). Please DO NOT send to Kim's usual e-mail for e-transfers. Her usual address is to be used for correspondence only.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday, July 27	led by LLWL Mae Bedford – <b>Christmas in July</b>
Sunday, August 3	Hymn Sing
Sunday, August 10	led by Rev. Gary Patterson
Sunday, August 17	led by LLWL Peggy Guiler
Sunday, August 24	led by LLWL Mae Bedford
Sunday, August 31	led by LLWL Mae Bedford

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**Worship Leader:** Rev. Randy Mackenzie

**Music:** Azrael Hackshaw



**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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