

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday August 24, 2025
Mae Bedford, LLWL
“God the Singer”

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING SONG – Psalm 100 Make a Joyful Noise VU page 820

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O you, God’s faithful ones!

All: We will give thanks to God’s holy name for God’s anger lasts but a moment; God’s favour is for a lifetime.

One: Sing praises to the Lord and remember: our weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the dawn.

All: Because God promises to turn our mourning into dancing, because God vows to wrap us in joy, because God’s faithfulness is so great, we cannot remain silent, our souls must sing God’s praises today and forever.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge until the destroying storms pass by. I cry to you, God most high. Hear our prayers and save us, for our hearts are steadfast, O God. Because of your love and faithfulness, we will sing and make melodies. Hear our prayers and save us.

Words of Assurance

Awake, O harp and lute, sing out in thanksgiving! For God’s steadfast love is as high as the heavens; God’s faithfulness extends to the clouds.

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

SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 66 – Part one, refrain 2

VU page 784

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this our song of joyful praise.

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All: sing to the honour of God’s name; make glorious the praise of God.

One: How awesome are your deeds! So great is your strength, your foes wilt before you.

All: For all the world shall worship you, shall sing to you and praise your name. (R)

One: O come and see what God has done, a work that is awesome to all earth’s children.

All: God turned the sea into dry land; they crossed the river on foot.

One: There we rejoiced in God, who rules in power forever,

All: whose eyes keep watch on the nations. Let not the rebellious lift up their heads. (R)

Scripture Isaiah 12: 1 – 6 Songs of praise for salvation

Ephesians 5: 15 – 20 Living by the Spirit’s power

MUSIC MINISTRY

REFLECTION: “To God the Singer”

HYMN: Sing a Happy Hallelujah

VU #224

OFFERING – Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus’ sake.

Offering Prayer – These gifts are a powerful statement. We want to make a difference in our faith community. We want to make a difference in our neighbourhood and around the world. We acknowledge how much we need your song in our lives. Accept them and bless them, O God. Turn these gifts into practical actions for good. Amen.

HYMN: I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

VU #575

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

MVU #30

BENEDICTION

And now may we leave this place together: grateful, hopeful, may we leave with a song in our hearts. Anticipating the great thing that God would do in our lives and in the world. May we be eager, excited, and grateful for the opportunities given to us to share God's love and to sing his songs in all the places life calls us to be. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to **LLWL Mae Bedford** for leading today's service.

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, August 31 led by LLWL Mae Bedford
Sunday, September 7 led by LLWL Heather King
Sunday, September 14 led by LLWL Heather King
Sunday, September 21 to be announced
Sunday, September 28 Rev. Gary Patterson

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY – St. James United Church is receiving clothing donations on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for a giveaway event to be held on Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6. See the bulletin board for details.

100TH ANNIVERSARY FASHION SHOW – Neal Memorial United Church in Port Rowan is hosting a United Church 100th Anniversary fashion show (clothing from the 1920's) on Saturday, October 4 at 1:30 p.m. Call Donna Hudson at 519-586-7190 for your freewill ticket. Watch for details coming soon.

A RECENT REGIONAL NEWSLETTER is posted on the bulletin board for your perusal.



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WORSHIP LEADER: LLWL Mae Bedford

MUSIC: Chris Savory



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