

# WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

August 10, 2025  
Rev. Gary Patterson

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CONTEMPORARY GATHERING WORDS

One: If we have been raised with Christ Jesus, let us set our minds on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth.

**All: The old self is gone. Let us revel in the Spirit that strips away the trappings of death, and dresses us in garments that are new.**

One: As new creations in God, we are separated and divided no longer.

**All: Christ is all and in all! Thanks be to God.**

**SONG:** Worship the Lord VU #401

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Our lives are in the care of God.

**All: God has given us abundance and hope.**

One: This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

**All: We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.**

One: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

**All: Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. AMEN.**

### OPENING PRAYER:

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN:** How Great Thou Art VU #238

## SCRIPTURE

### Hebrews 11: 1 – 16

**1** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **2** This is what the ancients were commended for.

**3** By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

**8** By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. **9** By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. **12** And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. **13** All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. **14** People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. **15** If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

### MESSAGE: Faith

**SONG:** Great is Thy Faithfulness VU #288

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Prosperity is given to the greater community of believers, so that all of God's children may benefit. Let us demonstrate that we are the body of Christ through our extravagant sharing of God's blessings this day. And let us give out of our joy, rather than out of a sense of obligation, as we offer to our God the gifts of our hearts.

### Offering Prayer

O God, we stand before you as a people of faith, investing our lives and our treasures for the glory of your kingdom. Bless these gifts and those who gave them, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

**SONG:** All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

VU #635

### BENEDICTION:

Place your life in the hands of God. Go in peace and may the peace of God always be with you, Amen.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AS A REMINDER.... COFFEE HOUR** resumes today! As you are able, it's appreciated for volunteers to take charge of coffee hour prep, set up and clean up. The sign up list is on the bulletin board in the auditorium. Thank you.

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

**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:

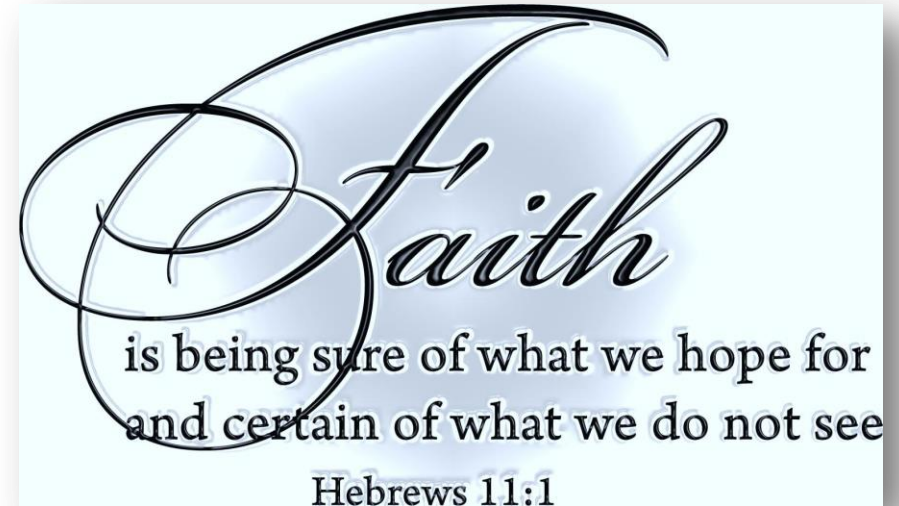
Sunday, August 17	led by LLWL Peggy Guiler
Sunday, August 24	led by LLWL Mae Bedford
Sunday, August 31	led by LLWL Mae Bedford

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**Worship Leader:** Rev. Gary Patterson

**Music:** Chris Savor



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where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class,  
ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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