

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, September 21, 2025
Chris Savory

GATHERING
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Though we sometimes feel we are in dark times, there is always light. Look for light, be light, share Christ's light with everyone you meet.

GATHERING HYMN: Though I May Speak VU #372

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We are here today because of love

All: **We carry love with us, here and everywhere**

One: Love brings with it light

All: **We carry light with us, here and everywhere**

One: Love and light

All: **We share love and light everywhere, with everyone**

OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful VU #232

PRAYER OF LOVE:

One: We are God's beloved. His love is everywhere.

All: **It is in us and around us. Here at church, at home, in the grocery store, on the street, at the coffee shop, in the car, at the office. Everywhere!**

One: Thank you Lord for your love for us.

All: **Help us share that love with everyone we meet, for they are Your beloved too, whether they know it or not. Help us to share that love in our everyday lives so that everyone we meet can feel it, and begin to know they are Your beloved too. Amen**

YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: Small Things Count VU #361

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 136: 1 – 20 (responsive)

VU #857

Romans 8: 35 – 39 (The Message)

MUSIC MINISTRY: Azrael Hackshaw

MESSAGE: Love, Everywhere, Through Thick and Thin

HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation VU #227

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

Invitation: We are gifted with many things in our lives. This is our opportunity to gift back a portion of those things. Whatever we have been given, we give some back - with love.

Offertory: We Give You But Your Own VU #542

We give you but your own, whatever the gift may be;

All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for everything we have and everything we are able to give back. We know You will use what we give with love and compassion. Bless all of us, the givers and receivers. Amen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) VU #959

GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS LOVE

HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story VU #343

BENEDICTION: Remember that we are all God's beloved people. So as we leave this holy place today, let's take love with us to share with everyone we meet or talk to. The love that lasts through thick and thin. Go in Love.

CHORAL ENDING: God Be With You (vs. 4, verse only) VU #422

God be with you till we meet again, keep love's banner floating o'er you. Smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Chris Savory and Azrael Hackshaw
for leading today's service.

PRAYERS – please keep the family of Malcolm McKenzie in your prayers as they mourn his passing on September 8 in Peterborough. Malcolm was a member of our congregation for many years. Information can be found at Highland Park Funeral Centre in Peterborough.

As we move forward a conversation on **PASTORAL CARE FOR WUC** needs to begin. Please take the time to send me your thoughts and comments on Pastoral Care requirements for WUC as you see them. Please send to "thegoodlife@nor-del.com" or give me your comments at church service. Rick Woloshyn, Council Chair
FOR CURRENT PASTORAL CARE needs, contact the office for an appointment.

TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. We will include discussion of ideas for Pastoral Care.

FREE CONCERT – "*A Mixed Bag of Music with Pipers and Stuff*" featuring Jennifer Langton, Mary Ann Gorsci and Scott Duffus on Friday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. Light Refreshments follow.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, September 28	led by Rev. Gary Patterson
Sunday, October 4	led by Rev. Mary Jo Patterson – WW Communion
Sunday, October 12	led by the Worship/Faith Committee
Sunday, October 18	led by Rev. Gary Patterson
Sunday, October 26	Led by Rev. Gary Patterson

THE WORSHIP/FAITH COMMITTEE INVITES VOLUNTEERS to assist with the October 12 Thanksgiving service by offering to read scripture and lead in prayers. Please contact a member of the Committee if you can help! The service is being written by Debra Leedham. Your help to read her words would be much appreciated!!

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.

FREE THANKSGIVING TAKE OUT DINNER – Monday, October 13, 2 – 2:30 pm. Pre order by October 9 by calling Lana Plank at 226-802-1328. See bulletin board for details.

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Worship Leader: Chris Savory
Music: Azrael Hackshaw



Romans 8: 35 – 39
Who Can Separate Us?

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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