

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Creation Time 1 in the Season of Pentecost

We ask for God's blessing on a new season

LLWL Heather King

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: God you are present here and everywhere. Come, shine your revealing light on our gathering this day, that we might feel your presence here among us.

GATHERING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs. 1,3,4) VU #220

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Joy comes to those who follow God's ways.

All: We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!

One: Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.

All: May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!

One: Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.

All: Let us worship God now and throughout all our days.

HYMN: Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU #574

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Holy One, Creator of all that is good, may our hearts and minds be open today to your presence. May we thankfully acknowledge that you are pure goodness and strength for all Creation. You bring order out of chaos, gentleness and kindness in times of trouble, comfort to all who are broken. You travel with us all our days and welcome us to journey with you. God, you are the one who designed us as we are, promise you will never leave us. We acknowledge in this time and this place that we are grateful. Amen. (source: Rosmary Godin, Sydney, N.S.)

YOUNG AT HEART

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: O Lord, be with us as we listen for your word and seek your ways. Guide our steps and guard our lives that we may serve you more effectively. Amen

SCRIPTURES:

Responsive Psalm 139

VU #861

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14

MUSIC MINISTRY

MESSAGE: Dreams and Visions for the United Church
from General Council 45

HYMN: Let Us Build a House – All are welcome MVU #1

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION:

You are invited at this time to consider the multiple ways that you can give to the life, work, and ministry of this church and the wider community.

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.

Offering Prayer: Gracious God, use this money and all that we have for the building up of your work in this church and the wider world, for your glory. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation VU #227

BENEDICTION: May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make God's face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up God's countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

SUNG BLESSING: 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

THANK YOU to LLWL Heather King and Azrael Hackshaw
for leading today's service.

COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in the church parlour & via ZOOM.

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 PASTORAL CARE needs, contact the office for an appointment.

Please consider volunteering for **COFFEE HOUR** after Worship on Sundays. A signup
sheet is on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, September 14 led by LLWL Heather King
Sunday, September 21 led by Chris Savory
Sunday, September 28 led by Rev. Gary Patterson

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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Music: Azrael Hackshaw



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*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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