

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, October 12, 2025
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Worship Leaders: Worship/Faith Committee

PRELUDE

Chris Savory

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (all sing as the candle is being lit) MVU #18
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CALL TO WORSHIP: [together]

Today we gather to give thanks. Some of us gather here often, some gather less often, some hope to be able to gather, some question gathering at all. Regardless of our motivation, we are drawn to be here, and today, our faith compels us to be thankful for all you have done for us, God, and for all you continue to do, and for all we have faith and hope you will do.

HYMN OF PRAISE: We Praise You O God

VU #218

OPENING PRAYER: [together]

Peter Scovil

As we pause in our busy lives to remember our thanks to you, the author of our lives, we come together to pray. We want you to know, oh God, how thankful we are every day, not just today. As we try to be the people you created us to be, we pray for your help in guiding our faith and our response of hope. May our minds know your love in this world. Today we come to thank you, and we pray that thanks endures beyond today. Amen.

FIVE MINUTES FOR FAITH:

Share your thoughts of how thanks lasts a lifetime.

Question 1 – what was your favourite hobby when you were a child?

Question 2 – what is your favourite hobby now?

Question 3 – if your childhood hobby and your present hobby are different, can you recognize how your hobby always creates thankfulness?

Question 4 – what is the most important thing about your ability to participate in your hobby?

Oftentimes, if we are unable to participate in a beloved hobby, we tend to feel depressed because of our situation. Sometimes it is necessary to search with God's help to find a new hobby, and be thankful for what we can do.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES:

Cori Angus

First Lesson – Jeremiah 29: 1, 4 – 7, 11

Second Lesson – 2nd Timothy 2: 8 – 15

Psalm 66 (parts 1 & 2)

VU page 784

Refrain #2: *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 honor 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)**

One: Bless our God, all peoples, and let the sound of praise be heard.

All: **God has preserved us among the living, and kept our feet from stumbling.**

One: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

All: **You led us into the desert, you laid a burden upon our back,**

One: you let sickness furrow our brow, we passed through fire and water;

All: **but you brought us out to a land of plenty. (R)**

Gospel Lesson – Luke 17: 1 – 17

MUSIC MINISTRY: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

MESSAGE: Hope, Faith and Thanks

Debra Leedham

WE RESPOND TO GOD

HYMN OF RESPONSE – Creator God You Gave Us Life MVU #27

PASTORAL PRAYER (spoken together, from VU #513) Alma Scovil
Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart and a discerning mind; give, as I play the Christian's part, the strength to finish what I start and act on what I find. When, in the rush of days, my will is habit bound and slow, help me to keep in vision still what love and power and peace can fill a life that trusts in you. By your divine and urgent claim, and by your human face, kindle our sinking hearts to flame, and as you teach the world your name let it become your place. Jesus, with all your church I long to see your kingdom come; show me your way of righting wrong and turning sorrow into song until you bring me home.

LORD'S PRAYER [sung] VU #959

OFFERING

Offertory: Praise God for the Harvest (vs. 1 & 5) VU #517

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field, praise God for the people who gather their yield, the long hours of labour, the skills of a team, the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve for fairness and kindness that all may be led in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

Prayer: [together] *As we bring our gifts today, we give thanks that we have gifts to bring. We pray that you will use them to help all your concerns in this world.*

HYMN: Never Ending Joy MVU #40

BENEDICTION:

One: Let us go to the world, knowing we are blessed by God, the creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

All: We are learning to give thanks every day, as our response to this blessing.

One: Our faith and hope guide us.

All: Through our faith and hope, we can respond in thanks.

DISMISSAL SONG: Grateful MVU #182

For the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.

POSTLUDE



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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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