

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, October 26, 2025
ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
Rev. Gary Patterson

PRELUDE

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: From the routines of work and school, home and play,

All: we have come to worship God.

One: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,

All: we have come to worship God.

One: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,

All: we offer our prayer and praise in Jesus' name.

One: For we trust in God's power and presence,

All: so let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Creating God, the mountains you raised reflect your strength and majesty. Sunrise and sunset frame the day with your light and joy. Fields bursting with grain and trees coloured with autumn glory sing of your steadfast love. Pictures from the depth of space give a glimpse of your infinity, yet in Christ you have walked the humble earth. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone give us hope. Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life, we praise you, and join our voices to those of every precious thing to wonder at your mystery and majesty. Amen

HYMN: Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU #395

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING:

God of all truth, when we think that we have life all figured out, hold up the mirror of your Word so that we can see our own foolishness. If we think we are beyond forgiveness, reflect to us your Word of mercy and love, offered to us through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 65

VU Page 782

Refrain: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.

Luke 18: 9 – 14

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Be Joyful!

MESSAGE

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

VU #642

OFFERING INVITATION:

Sometimes we think what we have to offer doesn't matter. Somebody else has more to share. But God knows the value of a few loaves and fishes shared, a lost coin claimed, one tiny seed planted from which a tree grows. Trust God with what you have to offer and see what God can do.

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU #538

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Prayer of Dedication

Good and generous God, receive our humble gifts, offered in hope and gratitude. Make something of them, and of us, so that the world will be surprised by your love and what we can offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: In Loving Partnership

VU #603

BENEDICTION

Go in humble confidence, trusting in God's love for you, yet sure you have still more to learn and to give. And may grace, mercy and peace from God who creates, redeems and saves us be with you all, now and always. Amen.

CHORAL ENDING: God Be with You (vs. 3, no refrain)

VU #422

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to
Rev. Gary Patterson for leading today's Worship Service

TODAY WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH ACKNOWLEDGES OUR 207TH ANNIVERSARY.

Please plan to stay to enjoy the celebration following the service with an Anniversary cake and coffee.

THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE has set up a display of special Sunday Bulletins from the past including those from former Anniversary Sundays. Take a look during coffee hour.

The Council has made available in the office a typed notice which explains where we are in the process of securing a new minister for Waterford United. We can take any questions you have after the service or at a later time. For those on line you can refer any questions to any of the council members. Marilyn will now advise you of a further development in securing ministry.

AS PART OF OUR PASTORAL CARE DISCUSSIONS, a white board has been placed in the auditorium. If you know of someone who is celebrating a birthday, etc. or who is ill, please add the information to the board.

FOR CURRENT PASTORAL CARE NEEDS, contact the office for an appointment.

COFFEE HOUR – help is needed to organize coffee hour for the month of November and on December 7. Please sign up!!

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, November 2	led by Rev. Mary Jo Patterson
Sunday, November 9	led by Rev. Harold Walton
Sunday, November 16	led by LLWL Mae Bedford
Sunday, November 23	led by Rev. Mary Jo Patterson
Sunday, November 30	led by LLWL Mae Bedford – Advent 1, White Gift

TURKEY SUPPER - the Trustees regret to tell you that they will NOT be hosting their annual supper this year. After many years we are taking a hiatus - but we plan to be back in 2026. Thank you all for your hard work and support over the years, it has been very much appreciated! See you next year.

FROSTY FAIR BAZAAR at St. James United Church in Simcoe on November 8 from 8:30 am to noon. See bulletin board for details.

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Worship Leader: Rev. Gary Patterson

Music: Chris Savory



CELEBRATING 207 YEARS!

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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