

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH  
Sunday, May 10, 2026  
Rev. Kellie McComb  
Claiming New Possibilities

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

PREPARING FOR NEW LIFE

We all come into this world as seeds of potential. Just as mighty oak trees grow from tiny acorns and beautiful butterflies grow from humble caterpillars, each one of us is gifted with unique potential for growth and transformation. Today as we continue our journey through the “Emerge” series, we dare to imagine unfolding our wings and claiming our space in this beloved community.



GATHERING SONG:

Come Out! (2X)



QUESTIONS FOR METAMORPHOSIS

- One:** When we arrived in this world, we wondered...
- All:** ...from where will I get my sustenance and care?
- One:** When we were children, we wondered...
- All:** ...who will I become on this adventure called life?
- One:** Change can make us feel awkward and fragile, and we wonder...
- All:** ...how can I move through this change with grace?
- One:** When we give ourselves permission to dream big dreams, we wonder...
- All:** ...how can I realize that vision?
- One:** Then the love of the Divine reminds us,
- All:** “You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again.” Amen.

HYMN: Let Us Build a House

MVU #1

YOUNG AT HEART

SONG: The B.I.B.L.E. (X2)

The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that’s the book for me,  
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Diane Holden

Once out of the cocoon, the new butterfly has much to do to prepare for flight. Wings are not yet ready. Small and undernourished, they long for expansion — to move beyond this awkward in-between-ness. As we consider our own metamorphosis, we remember how Jesus renamed “Simon” as “Peter” — a description of “the rock” upon which the church would be built. Are we willing to accept that God’s possibilities may come in ways we never imagined, perhaps expanding our notion of who we are in this world?

**Matthew 16: 13 – 20:** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: You Gotta Move words printed

SERMON: New Possibilities

HYMN: Come to My Heart

VU #661

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One, we are hungry for meaningful lives and fulfilling relationships. We thirst for your justice and mercy. Stretch our hearts and minds as we expand into the fullness of your love, reaching out to build new connections, to generate fresh ideas, and to do more acts of goodness in the world. We are anchored in your love and held by your grace. Help us lift high the ones in our community who are in need of loving care and support. We pray this day for....

## PRAYING WITH JESUS

**Nourishing God, in whom is heaven, may your name be lifted in the chambers of our hearts. May the joy of transformation come, may your plans for us be unfurled here on earth as it is in the flight of heaven's glory. For the strength we need, feed us. For the forgiveness we desire, and need to give, invite us. Save us from the temptation of all that would keep us from you, and deliver us from those things that seek to harm. Unwrap your perfect kinship of love, power, and glory forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

**Doxology:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation VU #325

## BENEDICTION

Now go into your lives, beginning to spread your wings wide into this present day that is so ripe with possibilities. And may the assurance of the God who created you, the Christ who is raising you, and the Spirit that will unleash you, be with you now and always. Blessed be. Amen.

## CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. 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.

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

May 10, 2026

**Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb**

**Music: Chris Savory**



***"On this rock I will build my church"***

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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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REV. KELLIE WILL BE AWAY** from May 18 to June 1, back in the office on June 2 and at Five Oaks for a clergy gathering from June 3 to 5. The pulpit will be filled by Rev. Randy MacKenzie on May 24 and by LLWL Heather King on May 31.

**BOOK STUDY** – The Worship and Faith Committee is holding another book study “The Wisdom Jesus” written by Cynthia Bourgeault to be led by Rev. Kellie in the fall, date to be determined, so you have the summer to read the book which is available for purchase through Amazon. If you need help accessing the book, please speak to Kellie.

**FREE SOUP SUPPER** – will be held on Wednesday, May 13 from 5:00 p.m.

**COFFEE HOUR** – volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour after Worship each Sunday. Please see Carol Goff for information and “training”. Coffee is made for you and we just need people to bring/serve snacks and cleanup. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**LITTLE PANTRY** – please remember to continue to support the Little Pantry with your **non-perishable food items**. A collection box is located in the auditorium.

### **AREA EVENTS (details on the bulletin board):**

**Churches Out Serving** worship and prayer event on Sunday, May 24 at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Courtland United Church** is hosting a Spring Concert and Potluck on Thursday, May 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to support the purchase of a new piano.

**Arcady presents Ruth**, a musical drama – St. James United Church, Simcoe on Saturday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets required.

## **YOU GOTTA MOVE** By “Mississippi” Fred McDowell Arranged by Geoff Snow

You gotta move, you gotta move.  
You gotta move, child, you gotta move.  
Oh when the Lord gets ready you got to move.

You may be high, you may be low,  
You may be rich child, you may be poor.  
But when the Lord gets ready you gotta move.

You see that woman who walks the street –  
You see that policeman out on his beat  
Oh when the Lord gets ready they gotta move.

You may be black, you may be white,  
You may be wrong, you may be right.  
But when the Lord gets ready you gotta move.

You gotta move, you gotta move.  
You gotta move, child, you gotta move.  
Oh when the Lord gets ready you got to move.

