

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**  
**May 24, 2026 10:30 a.m.**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**The Rev. Randy MacKenzie**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We gather this morning acknowledging that we worship and reside on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe peoples. It is in the spirit of reconciliation and right relationships, and working towards this reality that we come to worship the One that will empower and guide us with Grace. We worship God.

**WE GATHER**

**GATHERING SONG:** We Are One VU #402

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Together we light this Christ Candle.**

**Together we see the glow, we feel the warmth.**

**Together we know that God is here, in the light, in the warmth.**

**Together we worship God!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

I was glad when they said to me, " Let us go into the House of the Lord. "

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Your spirit works in our weakness, O God, until we are aflame with your love and power. Fill the hearts of your faithful people with living fire, that we may set the world ablaze. Through Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and praise , now and forever. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** On Pentecost They Gathered VU #195

**WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION:** Spirit of Life VU #381

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 104 *How Manifold are Your works* VU #826  
**Refrain 1:** *Bless O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.*

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 2: 1 – 21

**One:** May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

**All: Amen!**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**REFLECTION:** *The First Church*

**WE RESPOND**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Almighty God, we bring gifts of time, talent and treasure and offer them here that you might be glorified.

**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.**

**Offertory Prayer**

Grant us your blessing God; for gifts generously shared, for time generously made available; for abilities generously used for others. May they be used in Your loving and challenging service. Amen

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE DEPART**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost VU #193

**BENEDICTION:**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion in the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and lead you onward, now and evermore.

**CHORAL CLOSE:** 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

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU TO REV. RANDY MACKENZIE**  
for leading today's Worship Service

**REV. KELLIE IS AWAY** until June 1, back in the office on June 2 and at Five Oaks for a clergy gathering from June 3 to 5.

**SOUP LUNCH for Outreach TODAY** following the service. Please stay for a meal and fellowship. Cash donations gladly accepted.

**FREE CONCERT** featuring the musical talents of Azrael Hackshaw on Keyboards on Friday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. Light Refreshments follow. Come and enjoy the beautiful acoustics of our church Sanctuary.

**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.

**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.

There are several **COMMUNITY EVENTS** coming up with details posted on the bulletin board. Please take a look!

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**Music: Chris Savory**



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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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