

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

August 2, 2026

Worship Leader: Garrett Forrest

Music: Azrael Hackshaw

HYMN: My Faith Looks Up To Thee

VU #663

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: What a Friend We Have In Jesus

VU #664

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear us, O God, when we call to you.

All: We come seeking your presence and trusting in your love.

One: When the way is uncertain, you are our refuge.

All: When our hearts are troubled, you hear our prayers.

One: Guard us as the apple of your eye; shelter us in the shadow of your wings.

All: Open our hearts that we may see your presence among us.

One: Come, people of God, let us worship with hope and thanksgiving.

All: We come to worship the God who hears us, holds us, and walks with us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we came before you this morning knowing that you heard us when we call. You know the words we speak and the prayers that remain quietly within our hearts. As the psalmist sought refuge in the shadow of your wings, we too come seeking your presence, your guidance, and your peace. Open our hearts to your Word. Open our minds to your wisdom. Open our eyes to see your presence in the world around us. May the light of Christ guide us in our worship and remind us that, wherever our journey takes us, we do not walk alone. Draw us closer to you and closer to one another, so that the love we receive here may be carried beyond these walls into our families, our community, and our world. Hear our prayer, O God, and remain with us throughout this time of worship. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 9:1–5

Responsive Psalm 17

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Refrain: *Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.*

One: Hear my just cause; attend to my cry, O God.

All: Listen to my prayer from lips that do not lie.

One: Let judgement in my favour come forth from your presence;

All: And let your eyes discern what is right.

One: If you examine my heart, if you visit me by night,

All: If you test me, you will find no wickedness in me.

One: As for what others do, according to the command of your lips I have kept from travelling with the violent.

All: My steps have been firm in your paths, and my feet have not stumbled. (R)

One: I call upon you, God, for you will answer me.

All: Incline your ear to me and hear my words.

One: Show me the wonders of your steadfast love;

All: For by your right hand you save from their enemies those who take refuge in you.

One: Guard me as the apple of your eye;

All: Hide me under the shadow of your wings,

One: from the wicked who assail me,

All: From deadly foes who surround me.

One: As for me, I shall see your face because my plea is just;

All: When I awake and see your face, I shall be satisfied. (R)

REFLECTION: The Apple of My Eye



HYMN: We Are One

VU #402

DEDICATION OF OFFERING (offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary)

Offertory: Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow VU #541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Offering Prayer

Generous and loving God, all that we have and all that we are are gifts of your grace. As you have sheltered us in your love, may these gifts become a shelter for others. As you have heard our cries, may these gifts help us hear the cries of those in need. As you have blessed our lives, may we become a blessing in the lives of others. Receive these gifts and the intentions with which they are given. Use them through the work of your church to bring hope where there is despair, comfort where there is sorrow, and help where there is need. May our giving be more than an offering of money. May it be an offering of ourselves, our time, our compassion, and our willingness to serve. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS PRAYER

HYMN: O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

VU #238

BLESSING

GOING FORTH: 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*



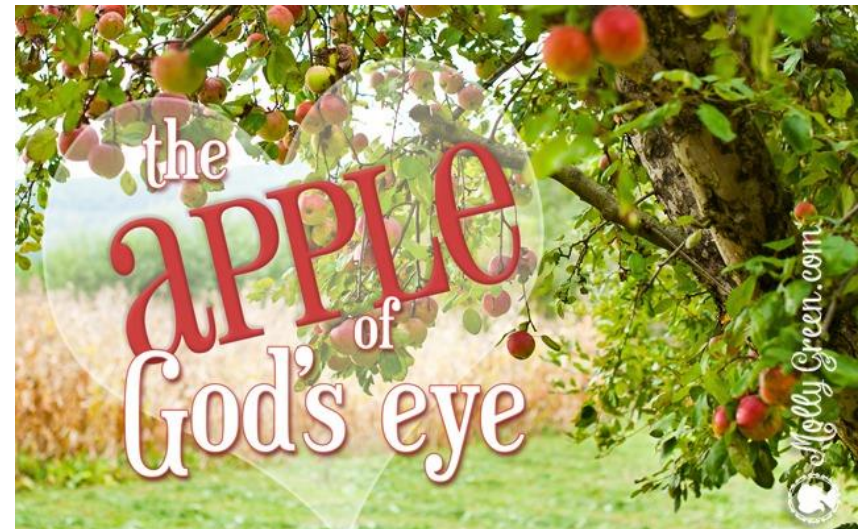
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Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. 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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**Thank you to Garrett Forrest for leading today's Worship Service
and to Azrael Hackshaw for his Music Ministry**

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS GRATEFUL for your donations toward Coffee Hour each week. Just a reminder: **there will be no coffee hour** following the services from August 9 to August 30. Coffee Hour resumes again on September 6.

MT. PLEASANT UNITED CHURCH is hosting a **BACKYARD PARTY MUSIC CONCERT** on Sunday, August 16 at 2 p.m. Refreshments provided. Bring a lawn chair. See Bulletin Board for details.

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.

THE BULLETIN BOARD in the auditorium has several postings of upcoming events and other information. Also posted is “A Song of Faith” as provided by the United Church of Canada. Please take some time to read. . .

UPCOMING SUMMER PULPIT SUPPLY:

August 2	Garrett Forrest
August 9	Rev. Kellie McComb
August 16	Marilyn Antkiw and Jean Montgomery
August 23	Cori Angus
August 30	Open
September 6	Cori Angus

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
NOTICE OF INTENT TO INSTITUTE FUNDRAISING EVENTS
(to finance major projects and the paving of the parking lot)**

Soon the Official Board will announce the commencement of various fundraising events to finance major projects for our church. We are facing major repair expenses plus our desire to complete a long hoped for paved parking lot. These are a few ideas the Official Board is suggesting:

Small Memorial Brass Plaques
for sale to be mounted for display.



Events planned by OB Committee Groups:
i.e. Christmas Turkey Dinner, Pie Sales, Chili during Pumpkinfest, etc.

Donations by square foot of payment for parking lot

Long Term Investment opportunity for congregation and others

**We welcome any and all ideas and invite your participation.
More to follow**