



Thank you to Garrett Forrest for leading today's Worship Service
and to Azrael Hackshaw for his Music Ministry

PRAYERS – please keep Ted and Tina Robinson in your prayers as they mourn the passing this week of Ted's father, Alan Charles Robinson.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS GRATEFUL for the donations of delicious baked goods for last week's coffee hour following the Christmas in July church service. 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.

Today, July 26 during Coffee Hour, those interested in talking about **Pumpkinfest Saturday's CHILI LUNCH** fund raiser, please meet with Carol at a table separate from the long table. Thanks!

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:

July 26	Garrett Forrest
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

If you are interested in taking Pulpit Supply for August 30
please contact Diane in the office.

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

July 26 2026

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Garrett Forrest

Music: Azrael Hackshaw



THE PARABLES

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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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: Sing a Happy Hallelujah VU #224

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, "Let anyone with ears listen!"

All: We come to listen for the wisdom of God.

One: Jesus spoke of seeds and soil, treasures and pearls, yeast and nets.

All: Through ordinary things, he revealed extraordinary truths.

One: The kingdom of heaven is near, waiting to be discovered in our midst.

All: Let us open our hearts to the stories of Jesus and the mystery of God's kingdom.

One: Come, let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER

God of wisdom and wonder, Jesus taught your people through stories: stories of seeds scattered on the ground, treasures hidden in fields, precious pearls, and nets cast into the sea. As we gather in worship, help us to listen with open hearts. May the familiar words of Jesus speak to us in new ways. Give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and courage to live what we learn. Plant your Word within us, that it may grow and bear fruit in our lives and in the world around us. Amen.

HYMN: We Plough the Fields and Scatter VU #520

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52

Romans 8: 26 – 39

MUSIC MINISTRY: Azrael Hackshaw

REFLECTION: The Parables

SONG: This Little Light of Mine see insert

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

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, we bring these gifts before you with grateful hearts. Like seeds planted in good soil, may these offerings grow and bear fruit. Use them to strengthen your church, care for those in need, bring hope to our community, and share your love throughout the world.

Bless these gifts and bless each one who gives, that together we may help build the kingdom of love and justice that Jesus proclaimed.

Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: My Life Flows On VU #716

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS PRAYER

HYMN: Arise, Your Light Is Come VU #79

BLESSING

GOING FORTH: Go Make a Difference MVU #209

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm going to let it shine.
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Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine.
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Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine.
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