

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

July 5, 2026

Rev. Kellie McComb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Every day we brush up against God.

We brush against God in long-term friendships and relationship, and also in instances of closeness with folk we lock eyes with in a crowd.

We brush against God in moments of great joy and places so painful they appear unbearable, in outrageous laughter, in times of deep calm, in rich learning and situations of foolhardy lack of caution.

We brush against God sitting on a beach and canoeing in raging rivers, in busy city streets and walking through the forest.

In the work of our hands and the beauty of a poem, in the stillness of prayer and the deafening noise of a rock concert.

And God brushes against us, always inviting us into beauty and grace.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN: Lord Prepare me to be a Sanctuary

MVU #18

OPENING PRAYER

Brush up against us in this holy space, God of grace. Heighten our awareness of your presence in our lives. Enliven our senses to your touch. Open our eyes and enable us to see richness and beauty in everything we encounter. Whisper your promise of hope into our ears, and embolden us to reach out to you in all the circumstances of our lives that we bring with us this day. Amen.

GOD SIGHTINGS

HYMN: Like a Rock

MVU # 92

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19 Jacob's Dream at Bethel

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway^[a] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him^[b] and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^[c] in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel,^[d] but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Response: Hear what God is saying to the church

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MESSAGE: Brush Up Against God

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

VU #642

OFFERING(OFFERING PLATE LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY)

RESPONSE For the Gift of Creation

VU #538

PRAYER (Unison)

Holy One, we are grateful that you love us as ourselves and despite our imperfections. We will endeavour to live authentically and in unity, not through our dividedness. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to being real expressions of your love and grace in our world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: For the Healing of the Nations

VU #678

BLESSING

We are God's beloved!

We have brushed up against the grace of God and once again have been restored to wholeness. Equipped, we step out into our lives ready to live out that grace. Amen.

GOING FORTH: Go Make a Difference

MVU #209



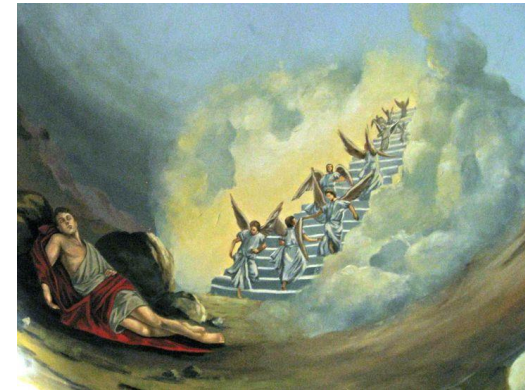
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10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev, Kellie McComb

Music: Chris Savory



Jacob's Ladder

Genesis 28: 10-19

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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for sale to install on backs of pews.



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i.e. Christmas Turkey Dinner, Pie Sales, Chili during Pumpkinfest, etc.

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