

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

August 16, 2026

Worship Leaders: Jean Montgomery, Marilyn Antkiw

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

You assure us, Jesus, that wherever two or three are gathered in your name, you are there. We light this candle to remind ourselves and to celebrate your constant presence. May we always seek your guiding light in our lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this place with busy hands and heavy lists.

All: **We rush through our days, worried and troubled by many things.**

One: Hear the gentle voice of Jesus calling us to slow down.

All: **Like Mary, we choose to sit at His feet and listen.**

One: Leave your work outside for a moment and find your rest here.

All: **Open our hearts, Lord. Teach us to worship with You in peace.**

OPENING HYMN: This Is the Day

VU #412

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Generous and loving God, who provides water in the desert, wine at a wedding, fish when there are no bites, bread when we are hungry, and answers when we are confused, be with us this morning, as you are always. Blow through us, that we might sense your presence. Wrestle with us, that we might discern your path. Love us that we might become who you call us to be. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

from Everyday Matters Bible for Women

Luke 10: 38 – 42

Deuteronomy 5: 12 – 15

MESSAGE: Finding Balance

SKIT: Mary and Martha – finding balance in our lives

PRAYER FOR BALANCE (unison):

Thank you for the gift of work and the joy of serving others. Give us the hands of Martha to work eagerly in our daily tasks. Give us the heart of Mary to pause, sit at your feet, and listen to your voice. When we are busy and stressed, calm our anxious thoughts. Teach us to serve from a place of deep rest and trust in you. Amen.

DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD (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 God, all creatures high and low, give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Offering Prayer:

As we present our offering today, we are reminded of your great love for us. Your love knows no bounds and is beyond measure. Help us to reflect your love in all that we do, including our giving. May these gifts be used to spread your love to others, bringing hope and healing to a world in need. Thank you for your love that never fails us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER:

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Praise and thanks to you, O God, for all you have done for us.

We thank you for splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for the delight we find in finishing well our daily tasks, and for helping us find comfort in you, even in failure or distress.

Above all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his faithfulness, his dying, his rising to life again, by which we, too, are raised to life anew.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ, and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

HYMN: Like a Healing Stream

MVU #144

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Go from this place knowing who you are and to whom you belong. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING: I Have Called You by Your Name (vs. 4) MVU #161

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;

Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Jean Montgomery and Marilyn Antkiw for leading this morning's service.

Jean's background is in mental health and suicide prevention, intervention and postvention (grief). She is a facilitator for mental health, first aid, suicide intervention and runs a grief group (related to suicide loss).

She has spearheaded Waterford Pumpkinfest in the past and is an active volunteer in Waterford and Simcoe on many boards and committees. She continues to lead youth basketball camp the second week of July each year. She currently works at Indwell Dogwood Residence in downtown Simcoe.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY have been placed in loving memory of Janet Moses following her Memorial Service this past week.

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** TODAY, August 16 at 2 p.m. Refreshments provided. Bring a lawn chair. See bulletin for details.

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: Sunday, August 23 Carol Goff

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH MEMORIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Official Board is now offering Memorial Plaques to be installed on a Tree of Life which will be mounted on the memorial wall at the front of our church.

The plaque chosen by the congregation is the small brass 1" X 3" plaque as shown.

The price is \$35.00

In Loving Memory of
TOBI LYNN WOLOSHYN
July 4, 1969 – March 21, 2026

Please refer all requests to Rick Woloshyn at the goodlife@nor-del.com or phone 519-443-0628

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10:30 a.m.

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Music: Chris Savory



MARY AND MARTHA

Luke 10: 38 – 42

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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