

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

August 23, 2026

Worship Leader: Carol Goff

Music: Chris Savory

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (read together from the front cover)

WE GATHER

GATHERING SONG: We Are One (vs 1 and 2) VU #402

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (together)

We come to worship here this morning, some with joyful hearts, and some with hurting souls. Christ is here, ready to celebrate, ready to heal. We come to worship this morning, some of us tired, some of us full of energy. Christ is here, giving us strength, giving us purpose. We come to worship this morning, some righteous, some repentant. We come, some full of questions, some sure in their faith. Christ is here, full of grace, full of forgiveness, present in doubt, present in assurance. We come to worship this morning, all of us, knowing....Christ is here!

OPENING PRAYER

TIME for the YOUNG and YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU#340

WE LISTEN AND PROCLAIM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (together)

God of all things, loving and caring, we come together to read your Word and hear your message for us today. Amen

SCRIPTURES:

GOSPEL READING: Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 – 16

Marilyn Antkiw

PSALM 23 (together, led by Carol Goff)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

GOSPEL READING: John 20: 19 – 20, 24 – 29

Brian Holden

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

REFLECTION: The Chair

MEDITATION: 'Be still and know that I am God'

Psalms 46: 10

HYMN: Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VU#374

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *(Offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary.)*

As we have been loved, so may we love others. As we have received from God's hand blessings beyond measure, may we also generously share with one another and with God's world. Let us present our offerings.

Sung Dedication: What Can I Do? MVU # 191

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Holy Spirit, we give thanks for all the blessings that have come our way.
May these our gifts be a blessing for many and a love offering for all.
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (together)

WE DEPART

CLOSING HYMN: Go, Make a Diff'rence

MVU #209

BENEDICTION: May God's love flow through you to touch others with kind words, a hug and helpful hands, not only for friends or family, but people we meet in our lives every day. Let your smiles be God's blessings to others. Amen.

CHORAL CLOSE: Go, Make a Diff'rence (*chorus*)
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
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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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Start saving your change!

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In Loving Memory of
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