

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
September 27, 2026
RECONCILIATION: ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY
Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb
Music: Chris Savory

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (together)

GATHERING AND WELCOMING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN: Creator God You Gave Us Life MVU #27

By way of beginning
We hold two truths together:
One fixed to a narrative of Creator and Creation.
The other, bound to a diversity of knowings that express Creator in all its forms, bound to the people's experiences of Creation as a divine being. A Mother Earth: a caregiver and doting parent.
Both these truths teach us that to be blessed is to be loved, and that all of Creation is God's prayer.
We live in light of divine mystery. A great unknowing.
We live in light of our connectedness, to each other, to all beings, to all things. We are born interdependent.
It is here that we begin this cycle of life by offering prayers of humility, prayers of gratitude, prayers of humility and prayers of remembrance.
From the fixed point of where we stand, we are centered, and all is prayer in every direction around us.
Let us pray:
***Great Mystery, Wakan Tanka, creator of all,
To you we give thanks for this life
To you we are grateful that we are here learning all things
In this place, we are blessed. Amen.***

written by Tony Snow

HYMN: Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works VU #308

Psalm 121:1-8 (NIV)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—from where will my help come?
My help comes from YHWH, who made heaven and earth!
YHWH won't let our footsteps slip: our Guardian of Israel will never slumber, never sleep! YHWH is our Guardian; YHWH is our shade: With God by our side, the sun cannot overpower us by day, nor the moon at night.
YHWH guards us from harm, Guards our lives. YHWH guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Jesus Loves Me arr. Geoff Snow

MESSAGE - EVERY Child Matters

Conversation and Question

HYMN: Called by Earth and Sky MVU #135

OFFERING

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation VU #538

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Dedicating Prayer

MAGIC NICKEL *proceeds will support the Little Food Pantry*

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away: you end up having more!
It's just like a magic nickel hold it close, it's so fickle.
Lend it, spend it and you'll feel the tickle of joy from head to toes.
For love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away: you end up having more!

Dedication

BENEDICTION SONG: You Shall Go Out with Joy VU #884

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the fields will clap, will clap their hands.
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
The trees of the fields will clap their hands,
The trees of the fields will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.



NATIONS UNITING SHARING CENTRE in partnership with Residential School School Survivors and Woodland Culture Centre invites you to **"Take the Tour"** at the Mohawk Institute, 184 Mohawk Street, Brantford on October 5 starting at 10 a.m. Question and Answer Time and light refreshments included. Register at nations.uniting@gmail.com or phone 519-445-2424 by September 30. See bulletin board for more information.

BOOK STUDY – "The Wisdom Jesus" book study will begin Thursday, October 1 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Parlour.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD meets on Tuesday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. in person in the Parlour and via zoom.

NORFOLK COUNTY FAIR – St. James United Church in Simcoe is offering parking for the fair at a cost of \$5.00 from October 6 to 12.

THE WATERFORD PUMPKINFEST COMMITTEE has informed us that Church Street will be closed to traffic from Friday, October 16 at 4 p.m. through to Sunday, October 18 at 5 p.m. **However cars will be allowed to enter the street at Duncombe Road** for all who are attending Sunday Worship. Passes will be available to post on your car dash board to help identify those driving in to church.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS for God Sighting pictures is waterforducnew@gmail.com



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HONOURING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

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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