WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
October 25, 2026
ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb
Music: Azrael Hackshaw



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SONG – 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, let it shine, let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
(Repeat verse 1)

OPENING PRAYER

Choir*:* In the world of the driven
All: **Let us be drawn in**
Choir: Let your love be a given
All: **Let us be drawn in**
Choir: To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem for the sake of the livin'
All: **Let us be drawn in**
Leader: All creation began with the dream of God, the will and intention for life to exist in the void. All of our actions are born out of desire, out of a dream and vision for the future. This is our birthright: to imagine and to create. What brings you alive? What truly moves your soul in the deepest way? What you create out of that answer is your greatest gift to the world and the way in which you are part of God's unfolding and ongoing creative dream!

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All: **Let us be drawn in**
Leader: Let us pray together:
All: **Creating God, you called forth all that exists in a moment of divine brilliance. Open us again to that spark which you ignited in each of us at our creation so that we might generate more life-giving energy in this world. Draw us into your story of hope. Give us the courage to dream. Amen.**

HYMN: God Who Gives to Life VU #260

AFFIRMING AND CONNECTING

AN IMAGINATIVE WORD - *"There is a Vitality"* by Martha Graham
read by Carol Goff

SCRIPTURE: read by Diane Holden
Luke 4: 13 - 21
"Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath, he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners, and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. *He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, 'Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.'"*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: The Smallest Things

MESSAGE: "God's Dream for the Church"
HYMN: Loving Spirit VU #387

PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION Janet Snow

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

HYMN: Draw the Circle Wide MVU #145

BENEDICTION
May you see the unfolding of each day as an opportunity to be a Co-Creator with God. As a Jesus-Follower, may you feel his company leading you toward creating more kindness, justice and mercy. May you know the nudge of the Creative Spirit within, "making belief" in all you are and do.
BENEDICTION SONG: We 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.

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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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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 208TH ANNIVERSARY OF WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH.

The display at the front of the sanctuary has been provided by the Archives Committee along with a brief write-up about our history. Please take a look!

PRAYERS – we sadly announce the passing 2 of our members this week: **Wanetta Hall** passed away on October 19 and **Gray Stewardson** on October 24. Please hold the Hall and Stewardson families in your hearts and prayers.

CONVERSATION RE BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SPECIAL EDITION with Rev. Kellie following worship **TODAY**. This will be a conversation about small churches. Come and let's talk about the article and about our church here in Waterford. All welcome!

PUMPKINFEST RECAP – to all those who worked on the chili meal and the craft/trunk sale during Pumpkinfest, please meet during coffee hour on November 8 to bring your "pros and cons" and ideas for next year.

KITCHEN TEAM – if you are interested in joining a group of people to take care of the upkeep and cleanliness of our kitchen and appliances on a regular basis, please contact the office at 519-443-5261.

FREE CONCERT – **The Lynn Valley Voices** presents "Peace and Remembrance" on Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. honouring those who served and gave their lives in times of conflict. Light Refreshments follow. See bulletin board for more information.



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

Send your request to Rick Woloshyn at thegoodlife@nor-del.com or phone 519-443-0628

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GOSPEL BAND "FIELDS OF PRAISE"
featuring
The LONDON KIDS COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
---35 children, a full band and whole lotta energy and praise---

TONIGHT Sunday, October 25 ~ 6:00 pm

This is a night to remember
and you don't want to miss it!

Tickets are adults $20, under 18 $10
and are available at the door.

