# Welcome to The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge Woodhouse United Church and Grace United Church Worship From Home Service Sunday, February 13, 2022









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# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany We Gather to Worship

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Joke -

Opening of Bible and Lighting of Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Working through dreams and through visions,

God calls us here.

Working through the world around us,

God calls us to action.

Working through the people we encounter,

God calls us to love.

Working through this time of worship,

God calls us to establish God's kingdom.

**Éric Hébert-Daly,** Responsable des ministères en français, L'Église Unie du Canada

#### Hymn – VU #296 This is God's Wonderous World

This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:

God shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:

O let me ne'er forget

that though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world:

why should my heart be sad?

Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:

God reigns, let earth be glad!

#### **Opening Prayer (Responsive)**

Loving God, we yearn to be your faithful disciples.

We lift our hearts to you, O God.

We come with our fears, our secret thoughts, our hidden selves.

We lift our hearts to you, O God.

We ask for courage to embrace new beginnings in our lives.

We lift our hearts to you, O God.

Keep us close in your sacred covenant of love and grace.

We lift our hearts to you, O God.

Help us share your gospel message of love and hope,

as fishers of people who have answered Jesus' call. Amen.

Barbara Johns, Queenswood U.C., Orleans, Ont.

#### We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young at Heart - How does a seed remind you of God?

#### Hymn - VU #626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

'Come unto me and rest;

lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,

weary and worn and sad;

I found in him a resting place,

and he has made me glad.

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Help us in our hearing today, O God, that we may take your message with us into the life and work of this church. Amen.

#### Scripture

Psalm 1 The source of happiness (James Taylor, Everyday Psalms) Happiness can't be captured.

Like a wild bird or a bouncing ball, it is always just beyond your grasp.

It is not found in fads or fashions,

nor in climbing to the top of the heap.

Happiness comes from immersing yourself in God.

Instead of struggling to stay on top, yield yourself to the deep flow of God's universe.

You will not drown.

You will be swept along by forces beyond your imagining.

Foam on the surface blows about;

driftwood piles up on sandbars;
people obsessed with themselves
end up as rotting debris on the rocks.

But the current rolls on.

To find happiness, let yourself be carried away by something stronger than a social eddy.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

#### Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. <sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

#### Anthem

#### Message

#### Hymn - VU #635 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,

for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

#### We Respond to God's Word

#### Offering

#### Chorus – VU# 549 For All Your Goodness God

For all your goodness, God, we give you thanks. Thanks for the food we eat, and for the friends we meet; for each new day we greet, we give you thanks.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, the desire of our hearts for these gifts today is that they be a source of healing:

bringing together what is broken, soothing what is painful, and allowing your people to move forward in the abundance of life with which you bless us. Amen.

Karen Boivin, Bells Corners U.C., Ottawa, Ont.

#### **Black History Month**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern**

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### We Take Christ's Message Into the World

#### Hymn VU #586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;

we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.

#### **Blessing and Sending Forth**

Go into the world again, as one body: the body of Christ Jesus, blessing all with whom you come in contact, loving all you meet, upholding your neighbour in Christ's Way.

George Allan, Chatham, Ont.

#### Closing of Bible and Extinguishing of Candle

#### **Benediction- Go Now In Peace**

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do

Go now in love, and show you believe; Reach out to others, so all the world can see

God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We acknowledge our Creator and the world around us and our place within it. We acknowledge the many nations who call this land home. We acknowledge the Indigenous and non-Indigenous brothers and sisters who walked this land in the past and those who walk it today, this, the traditional and treaty lands of the Anishinaabek (Ahnish-innah-bek), Neutral, and Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-shownee) peoples.

# Let's Celebrate

## 🍲 Pastoral Charge Birthdays 🤜

Dave Otterman	February 13
Leila Sloat	February 13
Dianne Telfer	February 13
Jim Dawson	February 13
Wendy Spragg	February 15
Donna Lindsay	February 17

# Funeral Service Phyllis Newhouse



February 27
2pm
Grace United
Church

Reception to follow in the hall

\*Proof of Vaccination Required

# Your Assistance is Needed...

Do you have stories or information to share?
The March-April Newsletter is being developed and you are invited to share content for the next newsletter.

Send your submissions to the office by email at <a href="mailto:garceunitedportdover@gmail.com">garceunitedportdover@gmail.com</a>

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### The Church Office is Open and Operating Normally

Office Hours Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-11:30 am

Feel free to call and leave a message or send an email at any time and we will respond during office hours.

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#### **Announcement reminder**

Please submit announcements by <u>end of day Tuesday</u> for inclusion in the weekly bulletin. Thank you!

Stewardship Seconds

February 13

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sharing our gifts with those who need them is definitely part of God's hope for the world!