

**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Woodhouse United Church and
Grace United Church
Worship From Home Service
Sunday, February 20, 2022**



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7th Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements

Joke – A little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She touched her own cheek after she touched his. After a little while of thinking she asked, “Grandpa, did God make you?” He looked at her and said, “Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago.” She paused for a few seconds and then asked, “Grandpa, did God make me too?” He replied, “Yes, indeed pumpkin, God made you just a little while ago.” Feeling their respective faces again, she whispered to him, “God’s getting better at it, isn’t he?”

Opening of Bible and Lighting of Christ Candle

Memorial Candle Lighting

Peter Basyk Bobyk	February 10, 2017
Harry Arthur Butler	February 25, 2017
David Richard Jenkins Hughes	February 10, 2017
Lois Mina Keefer	February 10, 2018
Barry Knight	February 4, 2022
Dorothy Jean Lee	February 3, 2017
Cawleen Ann Malouin	February 1, 2017
Marilyn Edith McGregor	February 13, 2021
Wesley Keith Riddle	February 15, 2019
Regina Schertzer	February 2, 2018
Wayne David Talbot	February 4, 2022

Call to Worship (Responsive)

As one week finishes and another week begins, we have come to this house of worship that we might place ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, and all our cares and joys in the embrace of God, whose welcome is always assured.

We come confident that God is always with us.

We come thankful that, in this world in which we live, we have this place to call our spiritual home and people to companion us on our journey. We come to give thanks.

Come, and let us worship God.

Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.

Hymn – VU #291 All Things Bright and Beautiful

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky;
**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall;

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well.

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, help us to notice,
help us to pay attention, to let our senses experience all you
have given.

Help us to stay on your path.

Surround us.

Guide us.

Keep us focused on the true path of righteousness.

May we always show praise and grace
in our words, in our actions.

Keep us in your blessed arms full of love. Amen.

Doris Van Den Eeckhout, Richmond U.C., Aylmer, Ont.

We Listen for God's Word

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

Hymn - VU #703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Prayer for Illumination

We turn now to our scripture, O God. We pray that you will shine your light upon it so that we might grow in our understanding of your desires for us. Amen.

Scripture

Psalms 37:1-11 Good investments (James Taylor, Everyday Psalms)

Don't worry that others seem more successful than you.

Their short term gains won't last;

the market will turn against them again.

For long term confidence, invest in God

And count on continuing prosperity and well-being.

An unconditional investment in God

can lead to everything you ever wanted,

but could never afford.

But your investment must be unconditional.

You can't hold anything back;

you can't hedge your bets.

First turn everything over to God -

then you will see how God acts for you.

You cannot manipulate God for your own gain.

Make God your manager,

and free yourself forever from cycles of boom and bust.

Be patient

Wait until God is ready.

Avoid impatience or anger;

They will affect your judgment adversely.

Do not envy those who glory in quick gains

or profit from crooked practices.

They'll get what they deserve, in God's good time.

In time, corrupt politicians will lose their mandate;

Corner-cutting businesses will run out of room;

drug dealers will destroy their brains;

unjust laws will be lifted from the books.

They will all dissipate like morning fog;

you'll wonder how they fostered so much fear for so long.

But those who invested their faith in God will continue to flourish;

they will live life abundantly.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great,

and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Anthem

Message

Hymn - VU #506 Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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, you've lit the way and we've noticed the need.

We offer our gifts that they may, in turn, reflect your light and reveal your love. Amen.

Cheryl Stenson, Glebe Road U.C., Toronto, 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 MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide

**Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

**Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

**Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

**Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

May the God of all directions, the God of day and night, be with
you today and for all time. Go out now to do the will of the
Creator, in the Way of the Son, with the constant presence of
the Great Spirit. Amen.

Kate Gregory, Belwood-Metz P.C., Belwood, 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-in-nah-bek), Neutral, and Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) peoples.

Let's Celebrate

Pastoral Charge Birthdays

Miles King Feb 21

Doug McCloy Feb 22

Peter Reddy Feb 23

Jeff Miller Feb 25

Pastoral Charge Anniversaries

Pat & Ross Tinney Feb 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral Service Phyllis Newhouse

February 27

2pm

Grace United Church

Reception to follow in
the hall



****Proof of Vaccination Required***



PINK SHIRT DAY

Stand-up against Bullying
February 23rd

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 end of day Tuesday for inclusion in the weekly bulletin. Thank you!

Stewardship Seconds

February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

What did your family teach you about giving and generosity?