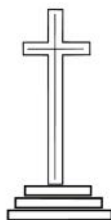


**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Woodhouse United Church and
Grace United Church
Worship From Home Service
Sunday, February 27, 2022**



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February 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

We Gather to Worship

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements

Joke - This particular Sunday sermon... 'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust....' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'

Opening of Bible and Lighting of Christ Candle

Call to Worship

We come from busy lives to this place of sanctuary and peace,
to pray and be renewed for the week ahead.

We come to the foot of God's holy mountain.

The totality of God's glory is obscured, but in God's presence
our lives are illuminated, and we receive instruction on how
we should live.

Here we seek connection, even if for just a moment, to the
divine source of our life and all that is in our universe.

It is good for us to be here.

Let us make in our hearts a dwelling place for Christ. Come, let
us worship God who is most high.

Taylor Croissant, Southminster U.C., Lethbridge, Alta.

Hymn – VU #242 **Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Opening Prayer

O God,
we come today to refresh and to restore all that is within our
hearts and minds.

Like the disciples climbing the mountain with Jesus, we come
expecting nothing yet prepared to experience your love.

During this time together, may we find our true selves just as
Jesus' true self was revealed on the mountaintop.

May we find your wisdom, and its strength, for we know that
your love restores and refreshes us in mysterious ways.

O God, fill us anew. Amen.

Jim McKean, Severn Shores U.C., Severn, Ont.

We Listen for God's Word

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

Hymn - VU #375 **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world
was still;
and down in the city you called once again,

when you blew through your people on the rush
of the wind.

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

Prayer for Illumination

Shine your light in our darkness, O God, so that the words of scripture
may illuminate our path for faith-filled living. Amen

Psalm 99 Out of the ruts (James Taylor, Everyday Psalms)

Raise your sights from the ruts of routine;

Look up, look up, to the Lord who stands above everything.

For God is greater than any abstract theory,
any set of principles or moral values.

God embodies all that is right and good.

Whatever is true, honest, and just,

Whatever is pure, lovely, and admirable -

if it deserves praise or commendation, it is of God.

But we mortals keep our heads down.

Like ants at a picnic, we busy ourselves with crumbs
and miss the bigger picture.

God is too great for us to grasp.

We know God through the lives of those who have known God.

Our spiritual ancestors

stumbled over God's unexpected presence;

When they stubbed their toes, God forgave them
because they were willing to learn.

God watched over them, guiding their feet.

In God, we find the ultimate example
of how we should act towards others.

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him,

“Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Anthem

Message

Hymn - VU #264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth 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

May these gifts, Generous God, lift the veil that separates
people from your gospel, illuminating all of our lives with the
knowledge of your everlasting love. 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 #102 **Jesus On the Mountain Peak**

Jesus on the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak,

join the saints and angels praising. Hallelujah!

Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting: Hallelujah!

Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming, in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Hallelujah!

This is God's beloved son!
Law and prophets sing before him,
first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him! Hallelujah!

Blessing and Sending Forth

Friends, next week sees the beginning of the season of Lent, a season that reminds us of the power, and the joy, of the Way of Jesus. It reminds us, too, of the courage we need for the journey. As we move forward from this Transfiguration Sunday into the season of Lent, let us remember God's mission for the church in the world, and remember also that we are that church. And as we reach out with Jesus, let us be bold in our hope and confident in the knowledge that our God, who is Creator, Christ, and Spirit, is with us in every moment!

Anna Atkinson, Cedar U.C., Nanaimo, B.C.

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

Paul Greenslade	February 27
Evan Saunders	February 28
Brandon Lavigne	March 2
Linda Irving	March 2
Joy McConnell	March 3

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SHROVE TUESDAY

**PANCAKE
SUPPER**



Tuesday, March 1, 2022

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pancakes, Sausages & Dessert

Adults: \$12.00 each

Children: 12 & under \$5.00 each

Pre-school: Free

(Purchase tickets at the door)



World Day

of Prayer



World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4

video available on YouTube

World Day of Prayer 2022 Virtual Service - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDtjQU--vdE>

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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 27, Transfiguration Sunday

Dance like no one is watching!

Give expecting nothing in return!