

**Welcome to  
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge  
Woodhouse United Church and  
Grace United Church  
Worship From Home Service  
Sunday, January 16, 2022**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### We Gather to Worship

#### Land Acknowledgement

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Joke** – A pastor giving the children a lesson about vestments asked, “Why do you think I wear this collar?” One kid answered, “Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days.”

#### The Bible is Opened and Christ Candle Lit

#### Memorial Candle Lighting

James Douglas Chadwick      January 30, 2021

Hiram Lawrence Erwin      January 14, 2020

Shirley Robertson      January 23, 2019

Donald Norris Edward Carpenter      January 18, 2017

Harold William Foster      January 7, 2017

Margaret R. Hankforth      January 29, 2017

Sheila Ann Miller      January 24, 2017

Mary Anne Nadrofsky      January 16, 2017

Peggy Mae Trembley      January 26, 2019

Tillie Wright      January 27, 2020

Although death has separated us physically,  
**faith and love have bound us eternally.**

Though we cannot see you,  
**we know you are here.**

Though we cannot touch you,  
**we feel the warmth of your smile**  
**as we continue our own journeys.**

As you were, you will always be,  
**treasured forever in our memory.**

## Call to Worship

We gather, yearning, seeking, anticipating.

**We come yearning for teaching.**

**We come seeking wholeness in our brokenness.**

**We come anticipating connection by Spirit weaving.**

We come to be emboldened by following the Way of Jesus.

**We come like a tossed salad of variety—different histories, different geographies, different ages, different abilities, different perspectives—but we come together as one.**

In our unity and in our wonder, we come in prayer:

**We open ourselves to you, O God—our whole selves, our flawed and quirky, incomplete but striving selves.**

**Awaken us to discover the unique service you've placed within us.**

**Encourage us to relish the opportunities for helping and for healing.**

**Enliven us by your embrace of all of us, showing us how to embrace all we encounter. Amen.**

*Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.*

## Hymn – VU #218 **We Praise You, O God**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we come today to worship you, confident as  
always that you are with us. You receive our prayers, our  
laments, and our celebrations. As we gather today, make us  
one in spirit and one in body as you yourself were embodied in  
the person of Jesus, in whose name we pray and worship.  
Amen.

*Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., London, Ont.*

### **We Listen for God's Word**

Time for the Young at Heart – How do car wiper blades remind you of  
God?

### **Hymn - VU #559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, O Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing  
call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,  
giving thanks for having come,  
come to trust, at every turning,  
God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God,  
came to rescue me from danger,

precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt  
or daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
wander from the love I've known:  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,  
seal it for your very own.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, let your light shine upon these scriptures today so that we might better understand their meaning for us. Amen.

### **Scripture:**

#### **Psalm 36:5-10**

Your door is always open, God

**You stand at your door, and welcome all who come to it.**

Entry to your home is not limited  
to your friends, your associates, your social class.

**You extend your welcome to everyone and everything:**

beggars and outcasts, oppressors and victims,

**people who have handicaps and drifters who huddle in culverts.**

From rats skulking in their sewers  
to condors soaring in the clouds -  
You make them all welcome.

**All of creation is your household, God.**

All can live together in harmony under your roof.

**In your kitchens they are fed;**

in your living room, they are entertained and uplifted.

**For you are life itself.**

Continue to give us life, oh Lord.

**Show us how to live in harmony in your home.**

### **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

## Concerning Spiritual Gifts

**12** Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

## John 2:1-11

### Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

**2** On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup>"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **Message**

Paul heard that the Christians in Corinth were competing for status. For some it was which leader they were following. For others it was what gifts they had. In Paul’s letter to them, he admonishes this behaviour and stresses that all gifts come from God. And not only do they come from God, but they have equal importance. All gifts are needed to be the church. The gifts are to be re-gifted.

Nothing has changed about this matter in the time since Paul wrote to the Corinthians. Our choirs have the gift of singing. Their gifting of that to us is as important to the wholeness of the worship service as my message. But not everyone can sing in a choir. There are those who read scripture for us during our service. But not all are able to do that. We have “techies” to operate the PowerPoint and the livestream. We have ushers, someone to take attendance, a pianist or organist... each one important to the service. Then there are those who manage our property and our money, those who offer special prayers, those who provide for children’s church, those who visit, the bulletin folders, committees and their chairs, spirituality leaders, kitchen cleaners, scripture and techie schedulers, phone callers ... I’ve probably missed someone. But those that I may have missed are not any less important than those that I listed. God calls us to be the church and gifts us with what we need to answer the call. No gift is greater than another. They are just different. Different gifts, same Spirit.

Paul says in verse 7: “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is

given for the common good.” For the common good. Paul is saying that each one is to offer their gift to the church.

Here’s the problem in many, if not most, churches today. It is difficult to get people to sit on committees and even harder to get someone to chair a committee. So, the same people do the same tasks year after year. It gets to the point when the position of “chair” is deemed to be a “life sentence.” It becomes self-fulfilling because people become afraid to take it on. Maybe if we had terms, it would work better – I just don’t know. What I do know is that some people are tired. When you get your annual report, look at the various committees. Listen to hear which one God is calling you to help. Even if you can’t make it to committee meetings, you can still help in the committee work. Every one of you has been given a gift that you can offer. It may be phoning, recruiting, visiting, mailing, decision-making, maintenance, record-keeping, taking a turn at a Sunday task, giving a ride to someone who doesn’t drive, organizing, decorating... what is your interest? Tasks can be weekly, monthly or a few times per year. What is your availability? In verse 6, Paul says, “There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” I pray that you will let God work in and through you.

Mary let God work in and through Jesus at the wedding in Cana. She didn’t nag him or plead with him. She simply told him what the problem was and told the servants to do whatever he said. It was a big problem, but she trusted God to work through him. Now you might think that running out of wine is inconvenient but not that big of a deal. But it was at that time. Since Jewish wedding feasts lasted a week, it was necessary for the groom to have adequate provisions. It would be embarrassing to run out of either food or wine, and a family who allowed that to happen could actually be fined. So, to run out of wine could be costly both financially and socially. So, Jesus turned water that would be used for ceremonial washing into a high-quality wine. Neither the host of the feast or the guests knew the source of this wine. Only Mary, the servants, and the 6 disciples who were with Jesus knew the truth.

That’s often the case with church-related work. We don’t know who did the work but we enjoy the benefits. Take the Christmas decorations for example. Do you know who put them up for us to enjoy for the month? Do you know who took them down and packed



them all up?

And not specifically church-related things. I think of the trail walkers who pick up litter. Very few people know who they are but we all benefit from their actions. All of your donations of food and of socks ... your individual generosity would be known by only a few, if any, but many less fortunate than we are, will benefit.

Once again I invite you to consider what God calls us all to do...share... your time, talent, and treasure. Your time – perhaps it is just the hour each week that you join in worship but perhaps your being called to share a little more.

Your talent – what gifts has God given you? Is anything stopping you from sharing them?

Your treasure – when was the last time you reviewed what portion of your budget goes to the church and other charities? Are you sharing what you can?

As I finish this message, I'd like to share an image that has come to me. I see the church as a big water jug. Your generous support of Mission and Outreach turns the water into wine. The beneficiaries of the M & O budget are the guests whose needs get met. Amen.

### Hymn VU #606 **In Christ There Is No East or West**

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great family of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christ-like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

### **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**

Generous and loving God, we bring our gifts to you this  
morning, praying that both givers and gifts will be transformed  
by you. Amen.

*Fern Gibbard, for Osoyoos U.C., Osoyoos, B.C.*

#### **Minute for Mission**

The United Church of Canada cares for refugees because we believe that sharing God's love is our prime purpose. We believe that justice is the public face of God's love, and work to share God's love on a personal, local and global level.

I see the face of God in refugees' faces: those claiming protection, resettled, warehoused in urban ghettos or camps the size of small cities. Refugees embody the world's brokenness. The image of a refugee child sheltering in a cattle's shed or lifeless on a shore, cuts to the heart of God's justice. To quell the hurt, I must respond.

I believe in one's power to change the world. I know my sponsoring one refugee strengthens the asylum process and extends resources for others. I have found the personal encounter—that allows me to see myself reflected in the other—to be an effective change process. Recognition of the strength and gifts refugees bring gives me insight

into my corner of the world.

By connecting, with claimants and/or resettled refugees, I see what is good about Canada and what should be better. The personal is political. I need to make the system/world better for my new friend. Human survival depends upon our heeding humanitarian instincts and interconnections.

John Lennon imagined all the people sharing all the world. Imagine God's just reality over-riding all boundaries and do what you can to



*Credit: Peter Vinet/The United Church of Canada*

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help. Share yourself and your small corner with refugees and change the world.

No one chooses to be a refugee; 'no one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land' (Somali poet, Warsan Shire). But some of us can choose to make the land a little safer for Syrians, for South Sea Islanders, for us all. The key is to embrace refugees - the survivors of man's inhumanity, the harbingers of the changes needed in our world.

## 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 #266 **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

### **Blessing and Sending Forth**

Just as Jesus' presence at the wedding banquet changed water into wine, so too his presence in our lives can change something "ho-hum" into something joy-filled and celebratory.

**Let us go forth in faith-filled, joyous celebration.**

**Amen.**

*Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.*

### **Closing of Bible and Extinguishing of Candle**

#### **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

**Marian Bezzo January 16**

**Bill Irwin January 17**

**Robert Faint January 17**

**Brian Ashton January 21**

**Betty Smith January 22**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to those who have continued regular donations via mail or Canada Helps.



### **We need your continued support**

In this difficult time, we do really need to have some help with our ongoing costs and we realize that times are tough for people and not all of us can afford to donate. However, if you do have the desire and capacity, we would really like to encourage you to make regular donations.

### **Here are 4 ways to make a donation:**

Your offering can be mailed to our address on the front of the bulletin. Please make a cheque out to either Woodhouse United Church or Grace United Church and note your envelope number. You can also mail Woodhouse cheques to Paul Malcomson, 65 Crestlynn Crescent, Simcoe, N3Y 4Y4

If you wish to donate cash to Grace, please call the Treasurer, Brian Jamieson at (519) 583-2216. To donate cash to Woodhouse please call the Treasurer, Paul Malcomson at (519) 428-2827.

Joining the Pre-Approved Remittance Plan (PAR) at Grace is very simple, and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join. Please contact Marilyn Dixon at (519) 429-3971 if you wish to join PAR or want to revise your current level of contributions.

Go to our homepage and click the "Donate Online" button. Please indicate Grace or Woodhouse in the comment section. An immediate receipt will be issued by Canadahelps.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFICE IS OPERATING REMOTELY**

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***

**January 16, Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Good news! The party is started! The kingdom is near!  
We have gifts to share!