

**Welcome to  
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge  
Woodhouse United Church and  
Grace United Church  
Worship From Home Service  
Sunday, January 30, 2022**



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### We Gather to Worship

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Land Acknowledgement

**Joke** – The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot’s wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when Jason interrupted, “my mommy looked back once, while she was driving,” he announced, “and she turned into a telephone pole.”

#### Call to Worship

Come to this time of worship, ready to settle into the presence of God. Ready yourself to offer praise and thanksgiving. Be open to receive the wisdom of God’s living word. Come! Let us settle into the presence of God, our rock and our fortress.

*Elaine Bidgood Sweet, First Lutheran, Rugby & Leeds, North Dakota*

#### Hymn – **VU #389 God Is Here**

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

## **Opening Prayer**

You never hesitate, O God, to show us your goodness and mercy, your love and grace.

You are open to all our prayers, always ready to receive and answer.

Touch our hearts during this time of worship, fill us with the golden light of your presence, and as we receive your word, and pray, and sing, make us one in Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*George Allan, Chatham, Ont.*

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

***Time for the Young at Heart – How does a service club remind you of God?***

## Hymn - VU #333 **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

As we listen once again to the words written long ago in our bible and the final words of our song of faith, we ask, O God, that you shine your light of wisdom on them so that we may continue to grow in faith and understanding. Amen

## **Psalms 71:1-6 Rescue from the bullies (James Taylor, Everyday Psalms)**

Don't let them make fun of me.

**Let me hide myself behind your skirts.**

Comfort me and protect me;

**listen to my fears, and enfold me in your arms.**

When I am in trouble, I run to you.

**I have no one but you to rely on.**

The big kids won't leave me alone;  
their hands reach out and grab me.

**Rescue me from their clutches.**

From the time I was tiny, you have been my refuge.

**I have always been able to trust you.**

Before I was born, I felt safe in your womb.

**As an infant, I rested on your breast.**

You are all I have, and all I ever had.

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

## **Luke 4:21-30**

<sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

<sup>24</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

## **Anthem**

## **Message**

### **Hymn - VU #359 He Came Singing Love**

He came singing love and he lived singing love;  
he died singing love.

He arose in silence.

For the love to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;  
he died singing faith.

He arose in silence.

For the faith to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;  
he died singing hope.  
He arose in silence.

For the hope to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;  
he died singing peace.  
He arose in silence.

For the peace to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

### **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**

Loving God, when Jesus read from the writings of Isaiah, he found his own job description. It was clearly outlined. He was to bring good news to those downhearted, freedom for those in so many types of prisons, clarity for those who lacked understanding, help for anyone in need. As we offer our own gifts today, may they be used to continue Jesus' work. Amen.

*Jeanne Wilson, First Grantham U.C., St. Catharines, Ont.*

#### **Minute for Mission**

##### **Dreams are Realized through Education**

Tamilarasi is a very bright 15-year-old from a small village in Tamil Nadu, South India. She is lucky to be able to go to school. In her village, girls her age are often pulled out of school to be married.

Life isn't easy. Tamilarasi's father recently died in an accident and she is living with her mother and two other siblings. As a widow with no

inheritance rights, Tamilarasi's mother may lose their family home when her brother marries. The teenager worries about where she and her family will live in the future.

"Our life has become a question mark now," she writes in a thank-you letter to the Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF), our Mission & Service partner. "Questions haunt me and sometimes I'm unable to sleep," she says.

When a representative from HRF visited Tamilarasi's school, she gave a presentation on children's rights to the students at a school assembly. At the assembly, Tamilarasi and other students were encouraged to stay in school and they received a backpack. "The schoolbag was of good quality and spacious enough to carry all my books and notebooks," she wrote. "I felt very happy."

Offering school supplies to students makes it possible for our Mission & Service partners to help young people like Tamilarasi complete their education and stay in school.

What's more, with support from Gifts with Vision(), the United Church's gift catalogue, HRF provided backpacks stocked with school supplies to almost 500 Tamil Nadu children who live in poverty. Without those supplies, the children would not be able to attend or participate in classes.

Your generosity helps students around the world pursue their dreams.



Tamilarasi and her mother outside their home.

One day, Tamilarasi wants to become a

doctor. "I want to protect children like myself from diseases," she explained. "I know I can't afford to while away my time!"

Thank you for making a difference by providing life-transforming advocacy and school supplies. Your support truly does help change lives.

*Credit: Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation*



## **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 #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **Blessing and Sending Forth**

May the God of creation, of power, strength, and glory, bless us all as we go bravely to face the uncertainties of life, knowing full well that we do not venture out alone.

*Elizabeth Stewart, St Paul's U.C., Burns Lake, B.C.*

## **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