

Grace United Church and Woodhouse United Church
Sunday July 28, 2024, Mae Bedford, LLWL
"God the Singer"

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Light the Christ candle

Gathering Song VU #563 Jesus you have Come to the Lakeshore

Call to Worship (responsive)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you, God's faithful ones!

We will give thanks to God's holy name for God's anger lasts but a moment; God's favour is for a lifetime.

Sing praises to the Lord and remember: our weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the dawn.

Because God promises to turn our mourning into dancing, because God vows to wrap us in joy, because God's faithfulness is so great, we cannot remain silent, our souls must sing God's praises today and forever.

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge until the destroying storms pass by. I cry to you, God most high. Hear our prayers and save us, for our hearts are steadfast, O God. Because of your love and faithfulness, we will sing and make melody. Hear our prayers and save us.

Words of Assurance

Awake, O harp and lute, sing out in thanksgiving! For God's steadfast love is as high as the heavens; God's faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Hymn VU# 245 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

Responsive Psalm 66 VU# 784 part one, refrain 2

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this song of joyful praise.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**sing to the honour of God's name;
make glorious the praise of God.**

How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your strength, your foes wilt before you.

**For all the world shall worship you,
shall sing to you and praise your name.
God of all, to you we raise this song of joyful praise.**

O come and see what God has done,
a work that is awesome to all earth's children.

**God turned the sea into dry land;
they crossed the river on foot.**

There we rejoiced in God,
who rules in power forever,

**whose eyes keep watch on the nations.
Let not the rebellious lift up their heads.
God of all, to you we raise this song of joyful praise.**

Scripture Isaiah 12: 1-6 Songs of praise for salvation
 Ephesians 5: 15-20 Living by the Spirit's power

Reflection: "To God the Singer"

Hymn VU# 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah

**Dedication of offering –
VU # 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

Offering Prayer (together)

These gifts are a powerful statement. We want to make a difference in our faith community. We want to make a difference in our neighbourhood and around the world. We acknowledge how much we need your song in our lives. Accept them and bless them, O God. Turn these gifts into practical actions for good. Amen.

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

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

Benediction

And now may we leave this place together: grateful, hopeful, may we leave with a song in our hearts. Anticipating the great thing that God would do in our lives and in the world. May we be eager, excited, and grateful for the opportunities given to us to share God's love and to sing his songs in all the places life calls us to be. Amen.

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of everyday
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

Welcome to our church! Please fill out the 'Let's Celebrate Together' form at the back of the sanctuary and place it in the manila envelope provided. Alternatively, email your contact details to the church administrator graceunitedportdover@gmail.com

Woodhouse: Interest in receiving Broadview Magazine? Contact Heather King at 226-931-9434 or hking@kwic.com

Grace: Interest in receiving Broadview Magazine? Contact Nancy Sherwin at nancysherwin@sympatico.ca

Calling all young people ages 7 to 18 for song writing camp
Led by performing artists Tia and Tommy
August 9 to 11 at Woodhouse United
Fee: \$60 per participant
Contact Heather King for more info and to register
hking@kwic.com or 226-931-9434

Stewardship Seconds

July 28, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Have you experienced a miracle of generosity, where what is received is more than what is given?

Let's Celebrate—July 28 to Aug 10

✠ Pastoral Charge Birthdays ✠

Emilie Edwards	July 28
Larry DeKoning	August 1
Ruth McGarry	August 3
Sherry Roberts	August 3
Ron Fess	August 10
Wretha Demone	August 10

✠ Pastoral Charge Anniversaries ✠

Gordon & Maureen Clements	July 29
Lynda & Dave Otterman	August 8

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**Woodhouse Church is Closed for Month of JULY
Joint Service at GRACE and Online in July
Sundays 10:00 am – all are welcome**



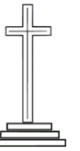
**Decoration Day is Sunday August 11, 11am
Woodhouse United Church
Please bring a lawn chair for this outdoor service. All
are welcome**

Heather King, LLWL, is providing urgent pastoral care coverage for the Port Dover Woodhouse Pastoral Charge while Rev. Lynn is on vacation July 2024. Rev. Lynn will return August 6, 2024. Please contact Heather by calling 226-931-9434 or email: hking@kwic.com

The Pastoral Charge Office will be closed from Aug. 5 to Aug 12, re-opening August 13, 9-11:30am. For pastoral care during this time, please contact Rev. Lynn, 519-829-9024 revlynnhamilton@gmail.com



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Grace United Church
Sunday July 28, 10:00 am**



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