

**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Woodhouse United Church and
Grace United Church
Worship From Home Service
Sunday, July 31st, 2022**



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Office Hours 9:00 am – 11:30 am (Mon. – Thurs)

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome & Announcements

Joke

The Bible is opened and Christ candle lit

Call to Worship

God calls to us from the wilderness of our lives.

**We cry out to God to save us
from all that we fear.**

God satisfies all who hunger,
and gives water to all who thirst.

We hunger and thirst for God.

Come let us give thanks, for God is good.

We come to worship the God who calls us.

Hymn- VU #232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sun-ward
in the triumph song of life.

Opening prayer (In Unison)

Loving, generous God,
Help us strip away all that keeps us
from clothing ourselves in Christ,
that we may be your people,
showing your love to all of your creation. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the young at heart

Hymn-VU # 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,

hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Prayer of Illumination *(In unison)*

As we are gathered here today, we ask you, our living God, to shower onto us your wisdom and knowledge. We pray that as we listen to your word, we may have the ability to clearly see what God has called us to do

Scripture – Steve Brightman

Psalm 49: 1-12 Responsive VU Pg # 774

Hear this, all you people!
Give ear, all who inhabit the world,
**you of both low and high estate,
rich and poor together.**
My mouth shall speak words of wisdom;

the thoughts of my heart are full of understanding.

**I will turn my mind to a proverb,
and with harp and song declare its meaning. R**

Why should I fear when the days are evil,
when the wicked stalk my steps and harass me?

**They are people who trust in their wealth,
and boast of their abundant riches.**

**We see that the wise die
as well as the foolish and stupid;
they perish, leaving their wealth to others.**

But wealth cannot redeem anyone,
or pay God the value of a person's own life.

The tomb is their final home, their dwelling-place for ever,
though once they called estates by their own names.

**Like sheep, they head for the Tomb
with Death as their shepherd.**

But God will ransom my life;

from the power of the Grave, God will save me. R

1st Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are
above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on
earth,

for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication,
impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are
disobedient.

These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living
that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice,

slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and un-circumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'

Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Anthem/ Special music

Reflection

Hymn-VU # 658 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

- 2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

- 4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

**Chorus: We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Yours alone,
We give it gratefully.**

Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

Generous, compassionate God,
accept these tokens of our gratitude
for your many gifts.

Bless them that they may go forth
and bless the world. Amen.

Minute for Mission - Knowledge for Life: Habtamu's Story

Habtamu and his family live in Ethiopia, where Habtamu farms the land he inherited from his father. Unfortunately, when the land was passed on to him, it wasn't fertile. Teams of oxen used for agriculture had eroded the soil, and the harsh sunlight meant that anything planted in it died.

Thanks to a conservation agriculture program supported by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank,* a Mission & Service partner, Habtamu and his family learned farming techniques that reduce soil erosion, improve soil fertility, and increase productivity. For example, they are using crop by-products as a cover for their soil, preventing it from being exposed to sunlight and rainwater. The impact is incredible.

"Earlier, we were hungry and the land was infertile, but now for the last eight years we have been harvesting a good crop. I am happy we are trying to alleviate our problem, change our lives, and feed our children," explains Yitayish, Habtamu's wife, while he proudly shows a barn full of grain.

"Before, we only had one or two grain stocks. I used to feed my children with maize I bought at the market, but now I can satisfy the needs of my family and supply the market," Habtamu says.

Your generosity through [Mission & Service](#) supports the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. This is one of the many ways your gifts help end hunger.

“I would really like to express my deepest gratitude...for giving us knowledge and insights. I am really grateful to you for all the kindness you have shown me,” Habtamu says.

**The United Church of Canada provided funding to the Scaling-Up Conservation Agriculture program of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, funded by the Government of Canada. This story is one example of a project from that program. Program partners include the Mennonite Central Committee and the Migbare Senay Children and Family Support Organization (MSCFSO).*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

O’ God we lift up to you in prayer today, those with special needs in their lives; Those who need your touch of reassurance. Those with physical, emotional and spiritual challenges, may they feel your healing presence surrounding them. We continue praying as Jesus taught us...

Lord’s Prayer (In Unison)

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 and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

We Take Christ's Message Into the World

Hymn-VU # 563 Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore

1 Jesus, you have come to the lake-shore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;

now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. R
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

Blessing and sending forth

Having clothed ourselves in Christ,
let us be Christ to a world
that hungers and thirsts for love.
In the name of the great giver of life,
the one who is life itself and the breath of life;
Let us go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.

Closing the bible and Extinguishing the Christ 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

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.

Serve Your Pastoral Charge – M&P Chair Needed

Are you feeling a gentle nudge to do a little more service for your church? Could that nudge be to consider heading up our Ministry and Personnel Committee in the new year? If it's for something different that would be wonderful too. Please consider saying yes to this call. There are many people who will support you in whatever your calling is. Please feel free to call or email **Marjorie Dawson** (519-583-3328 mevdawson@gmail.com) or **Dave Stone** (dstone@amtelcom.net) or **Kathryn Bannister** (katbannister10@gmail.com)

[Decoration Day Service at Woodhouse United Church Cemetery](#)

Sunday August 14, 2022, starting at 9:30 am

Everyone is welcome! If you can, please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, service will be held indoors.

No weekly service at Grace that week.

Stewardship Seconds—July 31, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

How we spend our money reflects our priorities. It is not only voting with our wallet; where we place our treasure reflects our spiritual priorities too.



WE NEED YOU

to make our new family directory complete

HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR PHOTO FOR THE DIRECTORY?

Most of us know people in our own age group, but how many of us know those in other age groups? The directory can be a great way to connect with other generations of church family members!

To book your time, talk to Lisa Jo 519-428-2827 or Marg 519-583-2783. Everyone receives a free 8x10 photo.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Please organize a group photo for the new photo directory. If you need someone to take the photo please contact Marg or Lisa Jo. Having pictures of the committees is so important to us and a vital part of our new directory. Our deadline is the **end of September!** Thank you to those who already submitted by meeting up after church!

The Church Directory Committee welcome any candid shots people have taken in the last year, Easter, Christmas, weddings, christenings, messy church, coffee hour, pancake breakfast.....I can't promise all will make it in but we will try, please email them to

ljomalcomson@hotmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends,

It's Decoration Day time again at Woodhouse United Church Cemetery!

Decoration Day services will be held on Sunday August 14, 2022, starting at 9:30 a.m. This will be a joint service with our friends from Grace United Church. Sheena Marini will be leading our service. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to invite family and friends. We are planning an outdoor service so, if possible, please bring a lawn chair. Some chairs will also be provided. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary.

Following the service, the ladies of the UCW will be providing light refreshments so we hope you stay for some social time together. The Cemetery Board would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past years.

This year we are asking for contributions to our "tree campaign". We have planted 7 new trees in the cemetery. If you are able and willing to help financially in 2022, please make your cheques payable to:

Woodhouse United Church Cemetery Board
Jim Tiller, 54 Ross Ave N., Simcoe, ON N3Y 4W8

*Receipts will be issued at the end of the year.



We hope to see you on Sunday August 14, 2022, to celebrate the lives of our loved one's past and present.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Bannister,
Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Services in the Summer

Grace services will be at 10:00 am

Woodhouse Closed; Everyone is welcome at Grace.

August Services will be at the regular times.

Woodhouse Service 9:30 am; Grace Service 11:00 am

with the exception of **Sunday August 14th Woodhouse Decoration**

Service 9:30 am, Grace closed



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-11:30 am

Please leave a message or send an email
and we will respond during office hours.

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Prefer not to receive the mailing anymore? Let us know and we will remove your address from the mailing list.

519-583-0342 - Thank you!