

**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Woodhouse United Church and
Grace United Church
Worship From Home Service
Sunday, March 13, 2022**



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March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent
Annual Meeting

We Gather to Worship

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements

The Bible is Opened and Christ Candle Lit

Call to Worship

This place has four walls, a roof, and a floor. Yet you do not come to this place for physical shelter.

This is a holy place where we are transported to the shores of a lake, to hear the word of Christ.

This place has pews.

We rest in them, as generations before us have done, so that we may gather our strength and faith to go out into the world and do what Jesus asks of us.

This place has windows and doors.

The light that shines through them also shines through scripture, through the words and the actions of Jesus and his disciples, a light that is reflected into the corners of our lives.

This is a sacred place, with walls and doors, windows and pews. Let us gather in worship just as generations have done before us and generations will do in the future.

*Éric Hébert-Daly, Responsable des ministères en français,
L'Église Unie du Canada*

Anthem

Opening Prayer

God of great love, in the morning, fresh awake, present, we turn ourselves to you. We set aside the busyness of this past week and turn our attention to heavenly things. Turn our focus

away from ourselves and instead to you. Continue to open us up to a vision for our church. What do you intend for us? How can you best use this building, these people, our time, our financial resources? How can we best serve in your name? Turn our hearts outward and upward, forgiving us for times when focused in the wrong place. Lead us to live as you wish. Forgiven, blessed, and committed to bettering this world through the work of this congregation, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, we continue our Lenten journey, seeking truth and wisdom for the days ahead, knowing that we are guided by you every step of the way.

**As we receive your Word this morning, we continue to search for truth, understanding, and wisdom as we journey in faith.
Amen.**

Bill Steadman, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, Ont.

Scripture: Psalm 27: 7-14 Waiting to be found

I raise my head and howl at the sky.

Hear my cry, and come to me!

"Where is your home?" my heart pounds;

"You are lost, you are lost, you are lost!"

I need to find my master.

Find me master! Do not forget me!

Do not be angry with me for wandering away;

do not punish me for straying from your side.

You taught me, you trained me;

Now show me you can save me, too.

When I was small, you took me into your home;

You took me for your very own.

Do not desert me now, when I have lost my way

taking paths you did not teach me.

Do not abandon me to an alien world

where I can trust no one.

I fear for my life.

I will lie down here and wait.

Soon I will hear my master's voice calling me;

I will see familiar feet coming towards me.

I can be brave, if I know help is coming.

I shall lie down here, and wait.

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'"³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing."³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Message

Hymn - VU # 580 **Faith of Our Fathers**

Faith of our fathers, living still

in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;

O how our hearts beat high with joy,

whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.

Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of Confession

As a community of faith, we have been called into service and
sometimes we do not serve as we could.

**We come in confession seeking God's grace and guidance for
our life together.**

Let us pray:

Calling and Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus of

Nazareth, who was your love in human form. He called people to a life of discipleship. We have responded by forming communities of faith to enable us to worship and work together for the cause of the gospel. Forgive us when we do not give what we could and when we rely too heavily on others who “have always done the work.” Guide us to respond as we are able and help us to entrust the work to others when it is time for us to take a break or make a change. Help us to support one another in our life of discipleship. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The good news is that God is with us.

God forgives us and guides us in ways of life-giving service. This we know through Jesus, our Saviour and Friend.

Thanks be to God who is with us always. Amen.

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

Offering

Chorus VU # 542 We Give You But Your Own

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer of Dedication

O God, long is the history of your people giving back to you. We, too, respond with joy and faithfulness, sacrifice and praise. Receive this portion of all you have entrusted to our care. Bless our church with wise counsel, as our leaders guide us to do the most good with what we share. In the name of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Elaine Bidgood Sveet, First Lutheran, Rugby & Leeds, North Dakota

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

Annual Meeting

We Take Christ's Message Into the World

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go forth as people filled with the Spirit's passion.

We go to live a life of compassion, of self-giving, of justice, and of vision.

Go forth as people sustained by God's grace.

We go to transform lives in light of that grace, working and sharing with others as neighbours.

Go forth as people bearing the name of Christ.

We go to proclaim the good news of Jesus, our judge and our hope.

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

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



Mary Parker	March 16
Launa Groulx	March 17
Nancy Martin	March 17

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Norfolk Refugee Committee (NRC) Update

The **Norfolk Refugee Committee (NRC)** is pleased to share our latest initiative; that is to sponsor our fourth Syrian family for resettlement in Norfolk. Abdulgani, Juliana and their three children Taghreed eleven, Sultan nine and Ahmad six are expected in the next three months. Coming to Norfolk is literally “a life saver” for the family and the reality is, it will be transformative for two families. An unimaginable reunion will take place as “family four” joins the Albari’s who are their relatives in Norfolk, sponsored by the NRC in 2019.

Since 2016 the **NRC** has successfully sponsored three families, the Albari’s being one. The accomplishment is that of a community of people, with over fifty volunteers dedicated to the cause. It reflects a community-based, ecumenical and inter faith effort; one made possible through the Roman Catholic Diocese of London which serves as the Sponsorship Agreement Holder.

The current focus is to secure \$60,589 for the one-year sponsorship period. The Norfolk community support has been wonderful. We are closing in on our goal, at this time we are within \$12,000 of success. We actually feel like “we have arrived”, since we are so close.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. If you have further questions or wish clarification, please contact me, Rick Jones, Volunteer VP, Norfolk Refugee Committee rickplus@gmail.com, 905-537-0324.

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Community and Church Activities at Grace United

T.O.P.S. (Grace Room)

Mondays at 8:30am

Tai Chi (Hall)

Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays 9-12 (restarting March 14)

AA Meetings (Grace Room)

Mondays/Fridays @ 8PM

Hall on 3rd Friday of Month

Prayer Group (Growing Place)

Tuesdays 9am at Grace United

Bible Study (Growing Place)

Tuesdays 10:30 – 12:00

Hand & Foot (Hall)

Tuesdays 2-4pm

Fitness Classes (Hall)

Wednesday/Friday at 1pm

Guides Program

Wednesdays

Sparks (Hall) 6:30-7:30,

Guides / Pathfinders (Grace Room/Parlour) 6:30-8:00

Thursdays—Brownies (Hall) 6:15 - 7:30

Duplicate Bridge Club (Hall)

Thursdays at 1-4pm

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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

March 13, Second Sunday in Lent

Let us reflect God's glory
in our generosity to others.