

**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Woodhouse United Church and
Grace United Church
Worship From Home Service
Sunday, March 20, 2022**



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3rd Sunday of Lent

We Gather to Worship

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements

Joke – A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100- legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, “Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time.” But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, “How about going to church with me and receive blessings?” But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time.

This time he put his face up against the centipede’s house and shouted, “Hey, in there! Would you like to go **To church with me** and learn about God?”

This time a little voice came out of the box, “I heard you the first time! I’m putting my shoes on!”

The Bible is Opened and Christ Candle Lit

Memorial Candle Lighting

Woodhouse

William Edward Simpson	March 2, 2019
Sharon Elizabeth MacKenzie	March 4, 2019
Florence Marguerite McDowell	March 13, 2021

Grace

Mary Lou Bridgwater	March 19, 2021
Joyce Lillian Donaldson	March 1, 2021
Ernest William Dosser	March 13, 2017
Ann Mary Higo	March 26, 2021
Barbara Eugenie Luciani	March 30, 2018
William Elmer Muha	March 2, 2017
David Alexander Novinka	March 8, 2020
Sandra Pearce	March 14, 2019
Maxine Ann Stewardson	March 18, 2017
Barbara Ann Stratton	March 12, 2017
William Howard Wingrove	March 24, 2017

Call to Worship

We are a people with history, a people with a great inheritance.

We gather to give praise to God for the promises made to our faith ancestors. As we worship, we offer to God all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we will become.

Ryan McNally, St. Mark's U.C., Cannifton, Ont.

Hymn – VU # 331 **The Church's One Foundation**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is
won.

Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Prayer

Gentle Spirit, we have come through the growing excitement
and light of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Now we turn
ourselves inward, now we shine the light of insight we've found
into our hearts to discover what is there. Bless this time of
reflection and guide our steps as we journey the Lenten road
that leads through death to life. Amen.

Nora Vedress, Calvary U.C., Prince Albert, Sask.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young at Heart – How do peanuts remind you of God?
(Next week – a cardboard box)

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

Help us, O God, to receive these age-old, prophetic words as if they were being spoken for the first time. Let them seep into us and may new shoots of faith spring forth. Amen.

Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8 Holy presence

Endless crowds of people crush me.

They jostle my mind; they crack my concentration.

I feel like no more than a means to an end, a cog in the machinery.

I long for the gentle touch of loving fingers,

The intimate whisper of acceptance.

So I come looking for you, Lord, in your holy places.

In this dimmed light, in this hushed silence,

I sense your presence.

I wish I could feel you as near me

in the rabid frenzy of life in the city core.

I want to reach out and touch you

in the marketplace as well as the chancel.

Then I will not feel alone;

You will be part of every thought and every breath.

I will know you at my desk and in my den,

in my bed and in my bathtub.

Nothing will come between us.

And I will hold you close in the nighttime of my fears.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Anthem

Message

Hymn - VU # 703 **In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

We Respond to God's Word

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

These symbols of the sweat of our brow,
we present to you, O God, as an act of trust:
trust they will contribute to your mission in the world, trust
that we will become instruments of your will, trust that you
will bless the giving and the givers. Amen.

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

Minute for Mission

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 # 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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.

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.

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.

Blessing and Sending Forth

You are blessed people of God, inheritors of an everlasting promise.

As we go out into the world, we go with hope to share the promise of God's love with all whom we meet. Amen.

Ryan McNally, St. Mark's U.C., Cannifton, 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

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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 20, Third Sunday in Lent

Every one of us has the ability to redistribute power when we share.