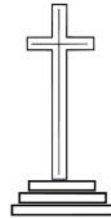


**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Woodhouse United Church and
Grace United Church
Worship From Home Service
Sunday, March 6, 2022**



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March 6, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent
We Gather to Worship

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements

Joke

The Bible is Opened and Christ Candle Lit

Call to Worship

A sacred day. A sacred time. A sacred place.

**We come to settle into this
sacred time of worship.**

A holy word. A holy people. God, Most Holy.

**We come to open our
hearts and minds to holy things.**

Susan Lukey, High River U.C., High River, Alta.

Hymn – VU # 574 Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Opening Prayer

Christ Jesus, today we remember that you were filled with the Holy Spirit and led into the wilderness for many days and nights of prayer, fasting, reflection, wrestling, and growth. When you came out the other side, you were ready to share the good news the Holy One had given you, to preach and teach and make miracles. As we enter into the Season of Lent, may this be, for us, a time when we will wrestle and grow, pray and reflect, so that when we emerge from this season, we too will be ready to share the good news that you have entrusted to us. As followers of your Way, we pray. Amen.

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

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young at Heart – How does a snow shovel remind you of God?

Hymn - VU # 343 I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. R

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. R

Prayer for Illumination

As we embark on this Lenten journey, O God,
open our hearts and minds to your words.
We ask that these words give us guidance
in our living of your call to us
to make a difference in the world. Amen.

Fraser Williamson, Loring P.C., Port Loring/Golden Valley, Ont.

Scripture: Psalm 93:1-5 The holy planet (James Taylor, Everyday Psalms)

The Lord wears light like a royal robe;

It dazzles those who gaze upon the Lord.

The whole world is God's royal throne;

Like a sapphire, it shines in the darkness of space.

The earth has been God's home from the beginning;

Before time began, God was there.

A river in flood laughs at dykes and sandbags.

Its banks cannot contain it;

It sweeps trees and homes along like dust.

**As thundering waters dominate a valley,
so God dominates this planet.**

But God is greater than any flood,

Greater than the surf that pounds a rocky shore into sand.

For acts of God are not at random;

**God rules with justice and fairness,
And makes the whole earth holy.**

Hear, oh earth! The Lord, the Lord alone, is God.

Now, and forever.

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Luke 4:1-13 Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Anthem

Message

Hymn - VU # 114 **Forty Days and Forty Nights**

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
chilly dewdrops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about your way;
stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trial share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with you to suffer pain?

If temptations, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
you their vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

Keep, oh keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side;
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

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

Blessed Healer, you transform lives.
The hungry are fed, the lonely are befriended,
and the broken are restored to wholeness.
May these gifts be part of the transformation.
We offer them with humility and hope. Amen.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C.

Minute for Mission

Choosing the Lesser Evil

Have you ever had to make a decision knowing that all of the choices in front of you felt wrong somehow? As if you were caught between a rock and a hard place? Regardless of how righteous we might feel about our decisions, we choose evils every day, hoping that we are choosing the lesser ones.

The United Church's Lenten book and study guide *Lesser Evils*, published by United Church Publishing House, explores everyday dilemmas of seeking the good while choosing the lesser evil from a Christian perspective. This collection of devotions challenges all followers of Jesus to faithfully attempt to do and seek good in our actions and choices.

"We confront dilemmas every day: Do I wear this mask? Do we close in-person gatherings? Do I take this parking space? People are trying to work for good. There are a lot of holier than thou judgements going on these days. We wanted to write about making tough decisions. What's hopeful about this book is the faithfulness of the struggle," says editor Alydia Smith.

Your generosity through Mission & Service helps deepen faith by lowering the cost of important faith resources such as *Lesser Evils* and the accompanying book study webinar. Hosted online through United In Learning the study runs every Tuesday at 1 pm ET from March 8 to April

12, 2022.

“What does it mean to be Christian in this time when we don’t always feel good about the many choices before us?” says Smith. “When systems are broken and we are in those systems, how do we deal with it? *Lesser Evils* is really for all of us coping with uncertainty. This book is about being faithful while wrestling with what’s best.”

Sacrament of Communion

In thanks and praise to God,
whose love for us is mirrored in the lives of all who have ever
struggled to live faithfully;
as an expression of our love for God and all our sisters and brothers—
young and old, rich and poor—
and in remembrance of all the meals Jesus shared with saints and
sinners,
we invite all to feast in joy and harmony.

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.
With your breath, you formed all that we are
and all that is beyond us; the heavens tell your glory.
Through fear-filled days and aching nights
when the powers of death have done their worst,
your love has never deserted us.
Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;
your presence never fails us,
and your gifts of hope and new life transform us.
We praise you for Jesus Christ, risen to life, eternal as your love.
With the women at the tomb, we raise the strain of gladness.
Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death!
The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom,

and so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy God,
Power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!**

As we gather at this table,
we remember that on the night before he died,
Jesus had supper with his friends.
He took a loaf of bread, thanked you as we have thanked you,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.”
Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
“Drink. This cup is the promise of God, made in my blood.
Each time you drink from this cup, remember me.”

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith,
as we break bread and share the cup,
giving thanks for your love in Jesus, the Christ.
We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labour.
We present to you our very lives,
committed to your service on behalf of all people.
By sharing in this loaf and cup
we proclaim Christ’s death,
celebrate Christ’s resurrection,
and await Christ’s coming again.

Amen.

Come, Christ Jesus!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your church,
**that we who eat and drink at Christ’s table
may share in his life.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth,
and make it your new creation.

Gather your church together from the ends of the earth
into your realm where peace and justice are revealed—

**that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised.**

Help us to love as Christ loved.

Knowing our own weakness,

may we stand with all who stumble.

Sharing in his suffering,

may we remember all who suffer.

Held in his love,

may we embrace all whom the world denies.

Rejoicing in his forgiveness,

may we forgive all who sin against us.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,
and in the power of your life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray together, saying,

**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. !**

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal and gracious One,
though we live in a world of need,

**here we have tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

**here we have heard your call
to be a people of healing community.**

Though daily we touch our limits,

here we have received the fullness of your grace.

Send us forth, O God,

in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

We Take Christ's Message Into the World

Hymn VU # 459 **Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face**

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Blessing and Sending Forth

We have ancestors in faith, to whom God has been faithful.

As we go, we know God will be faithful to us.

Despite the loneliness and danger of the wilderness time,
Jesus emerged all the more ready for the task ahead.

**We will make use of this time in the wilderness to prepare
ourselves for what lies ahead.**

Go as a people chosen and blessed by God, trusting in the
Creator forevermore. 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

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



Fred Bridgwater	March 7
Marjorie Dawson	March 8
Keith Johnston	March 10
George Bannister	March 11
Wayne Roberts	March 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Annual General Meeting of the Congregation

March 13, 2022

Immediately following church service

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



Annual Reports will be available in the sanctuary of each church, and at the Office during Office hours. Contact the office if you need to have one mailed out.



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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-11:30 am

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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 6, First Sunday in Lent

Generosity means sharing our whole selves
—time, talent, and treasure.