

**Welcome to  
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge  
Woodhouse United Church and  
Grace United Church  
Worship From Home Service  
Sunday, May 15, 2022**



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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**We Gather to Worship**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Joke -**

**The Bible is Opened and Christ Candle Lit**

**Memorial Candles**

**Grace:**

Deborah Muriel Bennett	May 25, 2017
John Robert "Jack" Dosser	May 2, 2018
John Harry Hankforth	May 14, 2020
William Edward Innes	May 27, 2017
Faye Tisdale	May 11, 2017

Although death has separated us physically,

**faith and love have bound us eternally.**

Though we cannot see you,

**we know you are here.**

Though we cannot touch you,

**we feel the warmth of your smile**

**as we continue our own journeys.**

As you were, you will always be,

**treasured forever in our memory.**

**Call to Worship**

I invite you to quiet your body and mind,  
take a breath.

Focus on what you feel.

Feel your heart beat in your chest.

Feel the air as you breathe.

We are here, listening, waiting, hoping,  
longing to sense, to feel, to experience the Holy.

May it be so in this time of worship.

*Jamie Miller, First U.C., Dryden, Ont..*

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.

**Opening Prayer**

Loving God,  
you are a refreshing cool breeze on a hot day.  
You are warm sunshine after the rains.  
You are the plants just peeking up  
in the garden and fields.  
You are the fawn, calf, or lamb  
innocently frolicking in pastures.  
You are a hug on a bad day.  
You are a surprise note in our mailbox.  
Loving God, you are our hope and joy,

our refuge and relief, our grace and mercy.

In our lives and all over the world,

we are experiencing pain and loss, confusion, and disappointment.

We are desperate, fearful, embarrassed, and struggling.

Show us the answers.

Grant us wisdom.

Give us the hope.

Help us to live full, faith-filled lives, reminded daily of your love and of the good around us,

reminding others by our faithful living that you are our hope and joy, our refuge and relief, our grace and mercy. Amen.

*Heather Tober, St. Paul's U.C., Oxbow, Sask., & Alameda U.C., Alameda, Sask.*

### **We Listen for God's Word**

Time for the Young at Heart – How does yarn and needles remind you of God?

Hymn - VU # 371 **Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, as we open your holy book of words written so long ago,  
open our senses to receive your word for us today. Amen.

*Phyllis Flemming, Grace U.C., Thornbury, Ont.*

**Psalm 148 Profligate generosity** (James Taylor, Everyday Psalms)  
Jubilation, exaltation, celebration, one and all!

**Within the womb of the heavens,  
the earth leaps to praise its Creator.**

As the pearl necklace of planets swings around the sun,  
as the shining oceans embrace the continents,  
so do all living things praise the giver of life.

**For God expressed a thought, and the thought took life.**

God wanted to speak,  
and the Word became flesh and lived among us.

**In that Word was holiness,  
the spirit that makes every life  
more than the sum of its chemicals.**

From the tiniest plankton in the sea to the great whales,  
from the ants that burrow in the dust  
to the eagle that soars in the heavens –  
all owe their existence to God.

**Fire and hail, snow and frost,  
sun and drought, wind and rain –  
in God, all things work together for good.**

Mighty mountains compost into rich soil;  
**fruit trees and cedars aerate the atmosphere.**

The dung beetle depends on the wastes of cattle;  
**birds and currents carry seeds to new orchards.**

No one is cut off from God's energy,  
**Neither presidents throned in offices  
nor derelicts huddled under bridges.**

For in God there is neither male nor female,  
old nor young, black nor white.

**All have been equally created by God;**  
their lives all witness to God's grace.  
**With profligate generosity,**  
**God scatters new life among weeds and thistles.**  
And all of creation responds with rejoicing.

## **Acts 11:1-18**

### **Peter Explains His Actions**

**11** The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup> "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup> "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup> "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

<sup>15</sup> "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

### **John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### **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 # 218 v.1 **We Praise You, O God**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

For all your goodness, God,  
**we give you thanks.**  
We dance and shout, "Hallelujah!"  
**Hallelujah!**  
We sing and sign, "Hallelujah!"  
**Hallelujah!**  
We live "Hallelujah!"  
**Hallelujah! Amen!**

*Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C.*

#### **Minute for Mission**

Video- Nourishing bodies and hearts : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

#### **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 #710 **Shall We Gather at the River**

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide for ever  
flowing by the throne of God?

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

## **Blessing and Sending Forth**

Let us go out with joy  
awakened to the treasures within and around us,  
to bring transformation, challenge,  
and hope to the world.  
And may the abundant blessings of God,  
Source, Saviour, and Spirit,  
be ours today and always. Amen.

*Carol O'Neil, Westminster U.C., Whitby, 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

### **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***

**May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

By your love for one another, people will know that you are disciples of Jesus.