

May 21, 2023 7th of Easter

We Gather to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Joke

Land Acknowledgement

The Bible is Opened and the Christ Candle Lit

Memorial Candle Lighting - This month we remember:

Woodhouse

Russell John Cates May 3, 2016

Normal Russell Cates May 1, 2004

Grace

John Robert "Jack" Dosser May 2, 2018

John Harry Hankforth May 14, 2020

Anne-Marie Vaughan May 10, 2022

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

You bless us as we come to worship, loving God.

**We are blessed with this church and the faith
community that worships here.**

You accept us as we come to worship, loving God. You accept
us just as we are.

**We are accepted without regard for gender, health,
income or education. We are accepted regardless of
sexual orientation.**

You call us to act in the ways of Jesus Christ, loving God.

**We will encourage the fainthearted, listen to those
who are sick or tested, and comfort the bereaved.**

You will stay with us when we leave this faith community,
loving God.

**In good times and hard times, when we feel on top of
the world and when we feel miserable, loving God,
you will never leave us.**

Hymn – VU #664 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

**We know that after suffering the worst the world
could do to him, Jesus came through gloriously.**

Jesus is still:

**Light in the darkness, hope in the midst of despair,
reconciliation where discord rules, peace where good
people cannot agree, love when it seems that hate is
the only way to go.**

Jesus came through and we rejoice that his just and
compassionate spirit lives through this faith community and
the work we do.

**Bless our time together, that through the songs we
sing, the Word we hear, the silence we keep, and the
compassionate and just works we are about, your love
will be known, loving God. Your love is at the core of
our worship. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

Family Time – How does a lunch remind you of God?

Hymn - MV # 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 68, VU # 787

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Message

Hymn - VU # 678 For the Healing of the Nations

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

Doxology - VU #538 For the Gift of Creation

Prayer of Dedication

You witness to Jesus Christ with these offerings.

**Our offerings will enable the words of Jesus to be
proclaimed and heard.**

You witness to Jesus Christ.

Our offerings will enable the compassion of Jesus to

be experienced.

You witness to Jesus Christ.

**Our offerings will enable the dominating powers to be
challenged.**

You witness to Jesus Christ.

**Our offerings will enable the faith community of Jesus
to care-fully support one another.**

You witness to Jesus Christ with these offerings.

Loving God, bless their use and inspire us, the users.

Amen.

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

We Take Christ's Message Into the World

Hymn VU # 402 We Are One

Benediction and Commissioning

The risen and ascended Christ empowered the disciples. You
leave this church as those who are ready to speak and work for
God's chosen one.

Empower us with wisdom.

Many have much to say.

Empower us to listen.

Many lag behind.

Empower us to go forward.

Many avoid the suffering of others.

Empower us to accompany those who are suffering.

Many avoid the hard decisions,

Empower us to make them.

Many ignore the poor.

Empower us to challenge inequities.

Many will not acknowledge injustice.

Empower us to seek justice.

God *will* empower you.

Thanks be to God.

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

Welcome to our church! Please fill out the 'Let's Celebrate Together' form at the back of the sanctuary and place it in the manila envelope provided. *'Let's Celebrate Together'*.

Land Acknowledgement: 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 Anishinaabeg (Ahnish-in-nah-beg), Neutral, and Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) peoples.

Stewardship Seconds: May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Stewards care passionately, humbly, and graciously about God's vision for the world.

Let's Celebrate—May 21 - 27

✠ Pastoral Charge Birthdays ✠

Happy Belated Birthday to Marg Jessop! May 16, 2023

Nadia Saunders	May 21
Gordon Challand	May 23
Diane Holmes	May 27

Congratulations Rev. Frank Walker!

Celebrating 50 years in ministry, May 27, 1973-2023

Did we miss your special day? Please let Robyn know so she can update the church records! graceunitedportdover@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK - SCRIPTURE READERS

May 28: Joan Norman, Steve Brightman

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Ryerson Camp Day May 28

The Director of Ryerson Camp Megan White will be participating in our service on May 28 and we would like to use this as a fundraiser for the camp. There will be special envelopes at the back of the church for people who wish to support the Camp.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk for Alzheimers – Who are you walking for?

Sat. May 27, 11am – 1pm, Lions Park, Jarvis
walkforalzheimers.ca

GARDENING HELP WANTED: Grace needs volunteers to help with the gardens at the church. Contact Robyn in the office if you can volunteer your time & talents. 519-583-0342

May is Food Drive Month for the Lions – Please support this initiative by bringing canned non-perishable foods to place in the shopping cart at the entrance. Thank you!

HeartNSoul choir Fundraising Concert - Rockin' For Riversyde 83, May 31, 7pm, admission free but donations accepted for Riversyde 83. See poster for details.

Woodhouse Yard Sale

July 21, 12-5pm, July 22, 8am-2pm

Week at a Glance MONDAY May 22 to SUNDAY May 28

Day	Time	Event	Where
Mon.	8:20 am	T.O.P.S.	Grace Room
	9:30 am	M&O Meeting	Parlour
		Office Closed (Holiday)	
Tue.	10:30 am	Bible Study	Growing Place
	1:30 pm	Hand & Foot	Grace Room
Wed	4:00 pm	Grace Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Meeting	Gr. Place
Thurs	9:00 am	Office Volunteers	Office
	9:30 am	Woodhouse Choir Practice	Woodhouse
	10:30 am	Finance Cte Meeting	Woodhouse
Sun	9:30 am	Woodhouse Service	Woodhouse
	11:00 am	Grace Service	Sanctuary

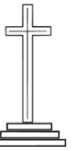
Welcome to the Port Dover – Woodhouse

Pastoral Charge

Woodhouse United Church and

Grace United Church

Sunday May 21, 2023



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