

**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Grace Anniversary Service
Sunday, October 24, 2021**



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22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Grace United Church Anniversary

We Gather to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

In The East, A Time of Beginning..

"Acknowledging the Land,"

Response: We are all Treaty People.

Processing in of the Word and Fire:

Lighting the Candle of Jesus:

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it. (*John 1:5*)

The Light of the Christ Jesus is in our midst.

(Quiet moment for prayers on our hearts)

Opening Hymn: VU #642: 'Be Thou My Vision...'

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,

We give you thanks for the life you have given us and all the experiences that shape us. We give you praise you for the love in our lives and the breath in our bodies.

We give you thanks for the Son you sent and for the path he made to follow.

We give you praise for your wondrous creation and how it sustains us.

God of the kin-dom, send your Holy Spirit upon us.

We welcome your Spirit into our minds as our thinking; we welcome your Spirit into our senses as perceiving; we welcome your Spirit into our throats as our speaking; we welcome your Spirit into our hearts as our loving;

We welcome your Spirit into our bodies as our moving, all so that we may love and serve your world, your church and your people.

God of hope, you entrusted us with knowledge of justice; help us as we seek it.

You entrusted us with knowledge of injustice against Indigenous peoples in and through the church; help us as we repent of the past and go forward in solidarity and with love.

You entrusted us with knowledge of wounds around us and in our church that need healing; help us as we minister in your name and affirm your goodness and grace in the world.

This we pray in and through the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

by Rev. Susan Beaver, Grand River United Church

Hearing of the 1986 Apology of the United Church of Canada

Read by Jim Dawson

Long before my people journeyed to this land your people were here, and you received from your Elders an understanding of creation and of the Mystery that surrounds us all that was deep, and rich, and to be treasured.

We did not hear you when you shared your vision. In our zeal to tell you of the good news of Jesus Christ we were closed to the value of your spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture with the depth and breadth and length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

We tried to make you be like us and in so doing we helped to destroy the vision that made you what you were. As a result, you, and we, are poorer and the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred, and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

We ask you to forgive us and to walk together with us in the Spirit of Christ so that our peoples may be blessed and God's creation healed.

1986 The Right Rev. Bob Smith General Council 1986 The United Church of Canada

Voices United: # 563 *'Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore...'*

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

Confessing Our Brokenness:

One: As a tree in the forest becomes tall, reaching for the light.

All: May we grow above the shadows of sin, fear and doubt.

One: As the tree gives shelter and shade to its friends
of fur and feather,

**All: So may we help those brothers and sisters
that are smaller and weaker than ourselves**

One: As the tree sends down roots deep into the soil
that it may be nourished by Mother Earth.

**All: May we be as firmly grounded by the love of Christ and
sustained by his grace**

One: If a tree falls and decays, it provides nourishment for new plants
and gives its place in the sun for others.

**All: Our Lord and Saviour died to make new life
and a new place for us.**

One: When a tree in the forest is cut down, its wood is used
for shelter and fuel.

**All: Jesus taught us that when our living is surrendered,
when our love is poured out;
only then can we build His Kingdom
and reflect the warmth of His spirit.**

In the South, A Time of Planting: — Hearing the Word:

One: We open our Hearts and Minds to hear Stories of Life

Hearing from the Book of Ezekiel, Chapter 37...NRSV

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath ^[a] to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath ^[b] in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: ^[c] Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, ^[d] and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Time for the Youth and those not so young among us:

First Fruits...

Hearing From the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 4th ...NRSV

from the Gospel of St Luke, chapter 4, 14 ...

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

May Creator/God bless our hearing of these words and fasten them into our hearts... In the Name of Jesus, Amen.

Anthem

Reflecting on What we Have Heard:

Rev. Lee Claus

A Time of Silent Reflection:

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is
the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen...**

In the West, A Time of Thanksgiving:

Hymn: VU #297 – “All Praise to You...”

All praise to you, O God of all creation:
you made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet earth you spun in its location
amid the stars adorning heaven's dome.
We lease the earth but for a life's duration,
yet for this life it is our cherished home.

With wondrous grace you clothed the earth

in splendour;
with teeming life you filled the sea and land.
Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder
when we behold the bounty of your hand.
Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,
we hear the voice our faith can understand.

To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,
for earth is ours to use and not abuse.
O gracious God, true source of all resources,
forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
while earth gives glory to creation's Lord.

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Benediction:

Oh, Great Spirit,
whose voice we hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the
world, hear us!

We are small and weak. We need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and
purple sunset.

Make our hands respect the things you have made and our ears
sharp to hear your voice.

Make us wise so that we may understand the things you have
taught your children.

Let us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

We seek strength, not to be greater than our brothers and sisters,

but to fight our greatest enemy – ourselves.

Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the facing sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame.

Voices United #577: — *‘I’ve Got Peace like a River...’*

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
 I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
 I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Recessing of the Word and Fire:

Commissioning:

God of Light, Sunlight, Daylight Starlight, Moonlight, Candlelight,
Firelight, Lamplight, Floodlight, Searchlight...

All: Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.

Let us returning to creation, being Thrice Blessed...

All: We go, strengthened by the Grace of God...

We go, lighted by the Love of Jesus...

We go, accompanied by the Holy Spirit

MV #208 – *Great Amen...*

Amen, amen. Amen, Amen...

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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!

October 24, Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Are your stories of faith about scarcity and fear, or abundance and gladness?