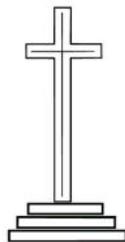


**Welcome to
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Woodhouse United Church and
Grace United Church
Worship From Home Service
Sunday, September 6, & September 13, 2020**



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September 6 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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We Gather to Worship

Gathering Chorus - VU # 477 verse 1 only **I Come With Joy (spoken)**

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Welcome and Announcements

Joke - "My boy," asked the boss, "do you believe in life after death?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then that makes everything fine," the employer continued. "About an hour after you left to attend your grandfather's funeral, he came in to see you."

The Bible is Opened and the Christ Candle Lit

Call to Worship

Finally! We are once again able to congregate in our sanctuary.

We have waited five-and-a -half months for this day.

Our gathering looks a little different.

Our gathering sounds a little different.

Our service will be a little different.

Yet our love for God has not changed.

God's love for us has not changed.

Our need to worship has not changed.

Then let us worship.

Hymn – VU#396 **Jesus Stand Among Us**

- 1 Jesus, stand among us
in your risen power;
let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.
- 2 Breathe the Holy Spirit
into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart.
- 3 Lead our hearts to wisdom
till our doubting cease,

and to all assembled
speak your word of peace.

Opening Prayer

As the warmth of the summer turns to the coolness of autumn,
and leaves turn from green to brilliant shades of crimson, gold, and orange,
may we know your presence, beloved Son of God.

As the planting of the summer turns to the abundance of our harvest,
may our hearts turn with gratitude to you,
Creator of All. Amen.

Susan Girard, Riverview U.C., Atikokan, Ont.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young at Heart - How does a strawberry-rhubarb pie remind you of God?

Hymn - VU #401 **Worship the Lord**

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! R
- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! R
- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! R
- 4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one! R

Psalm 149

Familiar words aren't enough.

New times call for new ways to praise God.

So dance. Sing. Do something!

Show you love God with your bodies as well as your words.

Use every means you have – your music, your work, your social systems – to demonstrate your love for God.

God will not shun you because you show your emotions.

Love is not limited to important positions or plummy accents.

So join together with others.

Link your hands and link your lives.

Clap your hands and sing;

raise the roof in praise of God.

Let the vigor of your voices overflow into your living.

Seize each challenge as an opportunity to promote justice among all the people,

to bring to judgment those who cause pain and suffering.

Even ruthless dictators cannot resist the surge of popular pressure.

The longer they try to withstand the tide, the deeper they drown.

That is how to give God praise.

Let us praise God!.

James Taylor, Everyday Psalms

Prayer for Illumination

As we hear the words written 2,000 years ago may we see them in a new light this day. Help us, O God, to find meaning in them for our lives in this century. Amen.

Scripture Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Message

Prayer for Transformation

Sometimes we forget, God. We get caught up in our own agendas and our own feelings and we forget to treat others as we would want to be treated. Remind us. Remind us every time we engage with another. Remind us to love as you love and to show that love in all of our transactions with others. Amen.

Hymn - VU #232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,

opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

Doxology VU #537 **Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayer of Dedication

We offer our gifts, O God, in support of Christ's ministry through us. We maintain our building; we pay staff salaries; we support various outreach ministries. May our offerings continue to achieve all these things as we work within the limitations of the pandemic protocols. Bless them and use them for your purposes. Amen.

Minute for Mission Deaf Ministry in Newfoundland

Mission & Service has been supporting the Deaf ministry in Newfoundland and Labrador for 33 years.

In 1987, the School for the Deaf in St. John's wrote a letter to the local presbytery requesting pastoral care on behalf of the United Church. Beverley Ares, a lay delegate, was asked to consider the role. She was interested but concerned that she didn't know sign language. Nonetheless, she answered the call, first as a volunteer and then as an employee. Beverley began learning American Sign Language and also took courses in theology. She was a quick study. Over the next 23 years she served the students and their families as an interpreter at worship services at First United Church in Mount Pearl, as a faith formation leader at the school, as an advocate for the Deaf community, and as a pastoral care provider and friend.

But by 2010, enrollment was greatly declining and the provincial government decided to close the school. Thanks to the vision and commitment of a local ecumenical committee, the Deaf ministry continued. Today, Beverley and others continue to provide community, worship leadership, and pastoral care to the Deaf community in and around St. John's. Thanks to the support of local churches and Mission & Service, individuals like Beverley have made a real difference in the lives of many Deaf children and adults and their families.

Nancy Emberly, a former student, says, "While I attended church regularly as a child, I didn't understand who God was until I met Beverley." Nancy is now a teacher and has replaced Beverley as the coordinator of Deaf ministry in Newfoundland.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

At this time you are invited to offer your own prayer of thanksgiving and your concerns for yourself and others in your family, the community, the country, and the world.

Lord's Prayer

We Take Christ's Message Into the World

Hymn VU #402 **We Are One**

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

- 2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

- 3 We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

- 4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways

as we move together from this place.

Benediction and Commissioning

As a result of our time together, may your hearts be light and your spirits be bright as you go back into the world. Amen.

Closing of Bible and Extinguishing of the Christ 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