

Epworth United Church

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Pentecost V

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER AND HELPS US PREPARE

MUSICAL PRELUDE: It is well with my soul, Jerry Ray,
Arranger

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHORAL INTROIT: #377 Holy Spirit, Hear Us VU

Holy Spirit, hear us,
help us while we sing;
breathe into the music
of the praise we bring.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

What difference does it make that we come here every week?

It is good for us to take time and reconnect with one another and with God.

Shouldn't we do this every day?

We seek God's wisdom in our lives every day, but we do not carve time out of our busy lives to reflect on the world around us, ponder the greater meaning.

Come, then, take this time to be on holy ground,

to take in the spirit with our breath,

to consider what it means to model our lives after this surprising guy named Jesus,

to praise our Creator with every cell in our bodies!

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***PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)**

**Great and loving God,
in the beauty of this summer day
may we see your creating spirit
inviting us to share the goodness of life.
You have given us the gift of Sabbath rest
and ask us to notice your goodness all around us,
to share in the celebration of your word
creating and recreating
with each story and in each prayer.
Today may we meet you in our shared wisdom
and longing for understanding
that leads us in the Way of Christ.
Keep us from the deluge of distractions
that lead us on a wild goose chase
when we come seeking you. Amen**

Wendy MacLean, Christ U.C., Lyn, Ont.

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*** HYMN: #374 Come and Find the Quiet Center VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God, we do want to save ourselves;
we want to hang on to as much as we can
for as long as we can.
And so, we measure out our lives and our love,
always calculating where to find the best value,
how to receive more than we give.
In the end, it surprises us
how quickly everything slips away
and how little we are able to keep.
We find ourselves left with what seems
an offering far too small
we have nothing to claim but your love;
our one hope is in Christ who died for us
and rose to new life so that we might live. Amen.**

Wanda Winfield, Blenheim U.C., Blenheim, Ont

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Assurance of Forgiveness:

God invites us to let go,
to release our fears and our failures,
our deepest loves and our greatest joys,
into the infinite ocean of God`s mercy.

Thanks be to God. Amen

John Moses, Aylesford U.C., Aylesford, N.S.
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CHOIR ANTHEM: Lamb of God, Tom Fettke arr. (Choir Favourite)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

CHILDRENS HYMN: #66 This Little Light of Mine AGCS

WE HEAR THE WORD

One: In scripture God speaks to each of us.
Listen for the voice of God.

First lesson: “David and Goliath”
1Samuel 17:32 - 49

One: This is the word of the Lord:
Many: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: I will tell of God’s marvelous deeds.
Psalm 9, **Among the peoples everywhere God’s deeds we will declare.....** p 732

I will give thanks to you, God, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your marvellous deeds.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. R

For my enemies are driven back,

they stumble and perish before you.

**You have upheld the justice of my cause;
seated on your throne,
you have given righteous judgement.**

You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;
you have blotted out their name for ever.

**Enemies have perished;
you have made their cities a desolation;
the very memory of them has vanished.**

You have ruled from eternity;

you have established your throne for judgement.

**You will judge the world with righteousness,
and deliver true justice to the peoples.**

You are a stronghold for the oppressed,
a tower of strength in a time of trouble.

**Those who cherish your name will put their trust
in you,
for you, O God, have never failed those who seek
you.**

Sing praises to the One who dwells in Zion;

proclaim to the peoples the deeds God has done.

**For the One who avenges blood has
remembered,
and has not forgotten the cry of the poor. R**

Have pity on me, God;

**consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate
me.**

You are the One who lifts me up from the gates of death,

**so that I may recount all your praises
within the gates of the city,
and rejoice in your saving help.**

The nations have fallen into a pit of their own making;
in the net they laid in secret, their own feet are entangled.

**You have made yourself known, O God, and
given judgement;
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own
hands.**

The wicked go down to the Dead,
all the nations that are heedless of God.

**The needy shall not always be forgotten;
the hope of the poor shall not forever be vain.**

Rise up, O God; do not let mere mortals prevail.

Call the nations to account before you.

**Put them in fear, O God;
let the nations know that they are but human.**

Gospel: "Jesus stills the storm..."

Mark 4:35 - 41

One: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Many: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

MESSAGE: "Storms and Questions"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Offering is Received

*** Offertory Presentation: (Sung as Offering is brought forward)**

- Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son. 2x**

**And now, let the weak say,
"I am strong"**

**Let the poor say,
"I am rich"**

**Because of what the Lord
has done for us 2 x
Give thanks, give thanks..**

***Offertory Prayer:**

**Blessing we seek upon these gifts
as they support the mission of Christ
in this place and beyond.**

**Use them as you use us, O God,
in the hope of greater love
and compassion in our time. Amen**

*** COMMUNION HYMN: #325 Here, O My Lord, I see Thee
Face to Face BH**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & Consecration:

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to almighty God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: We praise and thank you, God,
because you are loving and just.
You treat all people with fairness.
You challenge us to do the same.
You care for all your people,
even those who feel unfit
unloved, or unlovable.
When we feel that we – or others –
do not deserve even your leftovers,
you invite us all to a feast
You sent your child Jesus to be our friend,
to heal the hurting
and bring new life to the hopeless.
He taught us to love one another,
challenging us to be open
to new ways of seeing, hearing,
and living your love.
And so with your faithful people
in all times and places,

we sing this song of praise:

Sanctus #97 Songs For A Gospel People
Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes, in the name of the Lord.
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the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Even when the world rejected Jesus –
 on the very night he was betrayed –
 he continued to feed others.

He sat with his friends, took bread,
 blessed it, broke it,
 and gave it to them saying,

“This is my body, given for you.”

Open us, and feed us, O God.

After supper, he took a cup of wine,
 offered you thanks,
 and gave it to his disciples saying,
 “This is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for the forgiveness of sin.
 Whenever you share this cup,
 remember me.”

Open us, and feed us, O God.

And so, gracious God,
 your church in all times and places
 continues to share this meal,
 remembering how much you love us.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon this meal,
 and upon us,
 that we may be fed by your love and your word,
 and go from this place refreshed and renewed
 by your spirit.

At this time, we also remember all those
 with whom you would have us share your feast.
 We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .
 all who are ill or alone . . .
 all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .
 all whom the world counts as last and least
 We pray for your church and its varied ministries . . .
 for the nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .
 for the earth, and the fragile web of life we share . . .
 for our families and friends . . .

Send, O covenant God, your Holy Spirit
 upon us and what we do here,
 that we and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit,
 may become signs of shalom
 to one another and to all peoples of the earth.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory is yours everywhere, now and forever.

As now our Saviour taught us,
 let us pray together, singing: **#959 Our Father...**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

L The bread we now break and the cup we take are a sharing in
 the life of

Christ. As we take this cup of blessing and as we share this
 bread of

life we proclaim his death with gratitude and celebrate his
 resurrection with joy. Come and receive the gift of God.

Amen.

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray... (silence).... **We give thanks to you, O God,
 for**

**renewing, refreshing and sustaining us in this meal
by the presence of
your love revealed so fully in Christ Jesus. Send us
out in the power
of your Spirit to be daily revelations of that love. In
Jesus' name.
Amen**

***Hymn: #660 How Firm A Foundation VU**

*** COMMISSIONING** (Please remain standing)

Go from here and enjoy this summer season:
at home or away, God will be with you.

**In good times and challenging times,
God will support us.**

**As we face our own challenges,
God will steady us.**

**As we face challenges as a church,
God will work with us.**

**As we strive to welcome others,
God will call on us to open hands and hearts.**

**We have confidence, we go in hope,
for God goes with us.**

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.

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***BENEDICTION:**

***Response* # VU 431 Sing Amen (sung twice)**

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,

amen, we praise your name, O God

**POSTLUDE: How Firm a foundation, Matt Limbaugh,
Arranger**

Welcome...

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. May our worship together be a blessing to you in the coming week. There is also a time of coffee and fellowship in the Memorial Hall following today's service of worship.
COME AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS.....

Available upon request – large print bulletins & HYMN BOOKS (please ask your greeter), hearing assist devices and DVDs of the service, (please ask the audio technician). Also for those with young children there is a baby change station located in the South (left exit) Washroom.

PASTORAL CARE

Rev. John's office hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 12:30pm

Pastoral Care / Hospital Visitation-contact the office, 733-4154

PRAYER CONCERNS - AS WE GO ABOUT OUR WEEK..

- For those who are in/ or have been in hospital or shut-ins

LOOKING AHEAD at June 24th to July 1st

TODAY - a special Congregational Meeting will take place immediately after service to elect the NEW CHURCH BOARD CHAIR.

July 1st – Summer Sunday Worship – Epworth United Church
10:00 – Rev. Olav Kitchen

CHANGES FOR SUMMER SERVICES – From July 1 up to and including Sept. 2 services will begin at 10:00 am

Location:

July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd – Epworth

July 29th, Aug 5th, 12th – New California

Aug. 19th, 26th, Sept. 2nd – Olinda Ruthven

Pastoral Care & Services covered by:

July 1st, 8th, 15th, Aug. 26, Sept. 2nd – Rev. Olav Kitchen

July 22nd, 29th, Aug 5th, Aug 12th, Aug 19th – Rev. John van

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Kingsville Community Food Bank

Wish/Shopping list suggestions July – Kleenex, cookies, Pasta Sidekicks Norr brand, canned flakes of chicken, small bottles of Italian salad dressings.

We will be making a **New Directory** for 2018. The photographer will be here to take pictures on the dates listed on the large poster on the bulletin board in Wesley Hall.

Summer Garage Sale - 50% of all proceeds will be donated to the – **Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association** for research **Saturdays from May 26 to June 30, 10 am to 2 pm** 1290 Crawford Ave. Windsor

Canada Day – Community Picnic 6:30 pm – 10 pm – sponsored by Essex United Church – see bulletin board for more information.

Middlesex Presbytery Resource Centre is selling at reduced prices or giving away many types of items – please see bulletin board (3 pages)

Course and Retreat for Lay People and Licentiate in Theology – July 3-5 Holy Family Retreat House, Lake Erie – information on bulletin board.

July 9th – Kingsville Blood Donor Clinic – Migration Hall – 1 pm – 7 – pm New Donors and Walk-Ins Welcome

VBS at Olinda-Ruthven Camp Courageous – Where God’s Love is Contagious – ages 3 and up – Tuesday July 10 to Thursday, July 12, 2018 – registration 8:30 on Tuesday morning

Leamington United Church is seeking **applications for the position of Music Director**. Deadline is July 15th. Further information is on the bulletin board.

Festival of Faith- Risking Faith, Daring Hope – July 21 – 22, 2018 United Church of Canada 43rd General Council – see bulletin board for more details

Sunday Supper – Delicious Lasagna - Sept. 30 – 5:00 pm here at Epworth, sponsored by the Christian Development Committee, **Public Welcome**.

Canadian Boomerfest – Wednesday, October 17 to Friday, October 19, 2018, Siloam United Church, London – Spirituality in second part of life, health, well-being, connecting with younger Canadians – **see poster, list of events and registration forms on bulletin board**.

UCW ACTIVITIES

Sept. 11 – Potluck, everyone is invited – 12:00 pm

- Oct. 9** – Meeting in the Small Dining Room, Michelle Reiss will talk about the Snack Program at KDHS (UCW donates to this) – Time – 1:30 pm
- Nov. 13** – Meeting at the Legion Museum. Linda Lynch will give a tour – Time 1:30 pm
- Dec. 11** – Meeting in the Small Dining Room – Ordering lunch from Colasanti’s Time 12:00 pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT EPWORTH 2018

- August 14th & 15th** 1:30 – 8:30 pm – first sitting for Directory photos
- Sept. 8th - Bar-b-q Chicken Dinner** – Chicken, potatoes, vegetable, 4:30pm to 6:30 pm **Public Welcome**
- Sept. 30th - Lasagna** – 5:00 **Public Welcome**
- October 21st - Migration Brunch** – featuring hot and cold items, 11:30 am to 1:00 **Public Welcome**
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