

# Epworth United Church

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# Sept 16, 2018

## Pentecost XVII

### GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER AND HELPS US PREPARE

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "Be thou my vision", Gordon Young,  
arranger

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHORAL INTROIT: **#588 BH**

We Have come into His house and gathered in His name  
to worship Him.

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We Have come into His house and gathered in His name  
to worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is a place of refuge,

**a place where we can be together within the Spirit.**

But this is not a place where we can hide,

**because we are called to faithful service.**

We pause briefly to refresh our souls

**so that we may refresh the soul of Creation.**

Let us worship God.

Don Ubryniw, Emmanuel U.C., Peterborough, Ont.

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**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)**

**Loving God,**

**we come with questions and wondering:  
 Wisdom calls us to turn our lives around;  
 you call us to celebrate your word and your way;  
 Jesus calls us to risk all in discipleship.  
 And so we open ourselves to you:  
 nourish us with words sweeter than honey,  
 and renew us as your people once again. Amen**

**\* HYMN: #217 All Creatures of our God and King VU**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love and of grace,  
 you know the secrets of our hearts:  
 how blind we are to our own faults,  
 yet harsh in judging others;  
 how swift we are to take for gain,  
 yet slow to give for others;  
 how proud we are of our success,  
 yet grudging in our praise of others.  
 Remember, O God,  
 your tender care and love unfailing.  
 Do not remember our sins and offences,  
 but remember us in your goodness,  
 in accordance with your endless mercy. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

Take comfort in the assurance  
 that even those things that are hidden from memory,  
 or are too deep for our words,  
 are not beyond God's forgiving love.  
 God, who knows us completely,  
 bestows pardon and peace.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Just Two Words, Robert Lau, Herb Frombach

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:**

**CHILDRENS HYMN:** #340 Jesus, Friend of Little Children  
VU

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**WE HEAR THE WORD**

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

**First lesson:** “Wisdom cries in the streets.”  
Proverbs 1:20 - 33

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

**Responsive Reading:** The heavens declare the glory of God  
Psalm 19 Refrain 2 **Glory and Praise to God whose word  
brings life.....** p 740

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,  
and night shares its knowledge with night,**  
and this without speech or language;  
their voices are not heard.

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,  
their words to the ends of the earth. R**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun  
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,  
like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,  
it runs its course to the other,  
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.**

**R**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

**God's instruction is sure,  
giving wisdom to the simple;**  
God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**God's commandment is pure  
giving light to the eyes;**  
God's fear is clean, enduring forever;  
**God's judgements are true,  
every one of them righteous;**  
more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey,  
pure honey from the comb. R**

By them is your servant warned;  
**for in keeping them there is great reward.**  
But who can discern unwitting sins?  
**O cleanse me from my secret faults.**  
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the better of me.  
**Then shall I be clean and innocent of great  
offence. R**

All **Let the words of my mouth  
and the thoughts of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O God,  
my strength and my redeemer.**

**Gospel:** "Who do people say that I am?"  
Mark 8:27 - 38

One: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Many: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**MESSAGE: "Who Do You Say that I Am?"**

\* **HYMN:** #410 This Day God Gives Me VU

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### **Offering is Received**

What will it profit us to gain the whole world and forfeit our life? Indeed, what can we give in return for our life? With the whole creation, let us give glory to God with offerings of praise and thanksgiving.

### **\* Offertory Presentation: #544 VU (Sung as Offering is brought forward)**

In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

### **\*Offertory Prayer:**

Gracious God, in your wisdom  
receive these gifts from our lives.  
Use them in your ongoing work of  
justice and reconciliation. Amen.

### **\*Hymn: #563 Count your Blessings BH**

### **\* COMMISSIONING (Please remain standing)**

Leader: As we have been replenished through our gathering,  
now we are blessed in our going.

**People: God sows us like seeds back into the world God loves to bring healing and justice everywhere we go.**

Leader: And may the blessing of God:  
Father of justice, Brother of compassion, and  
Wisdom of creation, go with you now and be with  
you always. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION:****\*Response\* # Send Forth:**

Go now in Peace Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every 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

**POSTLUDE:** I have decided to follow Jesus, Bob Walters,  
arranger**LOOKING AHEAD at Sept 16<sup>th</sup> To 23<sup>rd</sup>****Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30 bell choir practice, 7:30 Choir practice**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Sunday Worship; Rev. John van Omme

The time is coming to publish our **Fall Newsletter**. We need submissions in **by September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Thanks in advance for your contributions.

**Kingsville Community Food Bank**

Wish/Shopping list suggestions Kraft Dinner, cookies, canned fruit, juice boxes, small boxes of cereal (not family size)

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. Book your appointment with Marg Stevens

The Windsor Symphony Orchestra is looking for members of the community who play an instrument. They are putting together a Community Orchestra for people who love making

music. **All ages and abilities are welcome.** See bulletin board for more info. 🎵 🎶

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Sun Parlour Pregnancy and Resource Centre Annual Fundraiser – learn about partnering with this exciting ministry. **Friday September 21, 6 pm** – see bulletin board for more info.

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**Training for Personal & Professional boundary Issues** – for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders + **Ministry & Personnel Committee Training** – Pastoral relations, lay employees, The Manual (2016) – see bulletin board for details – registration deadline Sept. 21

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**Roast Beef Dinner Sat. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 5pm to 7pm** Bedford United Church Windsor – Adults \$14 Children 6-12 \$7. More info on bulletin board.

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**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Harrow United Church, Lunch'n Learn on preplanning funerals. See bulletin board for more info

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**September 24<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 am – 9:00 pm – Food Bank Fundraiser at A1 Chinese Restaurant in Essex. **CASH ONLY** – proceeds go to Downtown Mission – organized by Essex United Church

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**Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** – Essex United Church Yard Sale – Friday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, lunch is available and includes bake sale – Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (no baking or lunch)

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**Thanksgiving Dinner Sat. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Woodslee United Church 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Adults - \$16, Children \$7 Takeouts - \$16. Call 519-975-2461 for tickets. More info on bulletin board

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**Everyone is welcome to Sunday Supper on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. for delicious Lasagna.**



**Come share a meal and some fellowship. This is a new project for the CD Committee.**



**Roast Beef Dinner** Westminster United Church – **Fri. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** 5 pm to 7 pm call 519-258-1471 for tickets – Adults \$13 (in advance) \$15 at the door, children under 12 \$6 food details on bulletin board.

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**BBQ Beef/Pork Dinner – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** – 4:30 – 7:00 pm – **Trinity United Church** (New California) Adults \$18, children 6-12 yrs. \$6. children under 6 free. Support persons for people with special needs half price - **ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY** – Call Bonnie for tickets – 519-733-2590 chair lift available.

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

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**EPWORTH RUMMAGE SALE – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday 9 to 3 and Saturday 9 to 11**

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**Rummage Sale** – Westminster United Church Windsor – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 4 – 7 pm, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 12 pm

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**Special Christmas Activity:** The Samaritan's Purse shoebox program sends packed shoeboxes to children in need in many countries. They supply the shoeboxes with information pamphlets to us. We, the individual families of Epworth, fill the shoeboxes, return them to the collection point between November 12 -16, 2018. From there the boxes are shipped to the Operation Christmas Children.

If you wish to participate in this very rewarding project please contact Don Coghill or put your name on the list in the Narthex and/or Memorial Hall.

Thank you  
The Outreach and Action Committee

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### UCW ACTIVITIES

- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** – Short Meeting and Activity (WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG)  
**Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** - Setup for the Rummage Sale  
**Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** **RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting at the Kingsville Historical Park Museum.  
 Linda Lynch will give a talk about the museum and tour –  
 Time 1:30 pm  
**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting in the Small Dining Room – Ordering  
 lunch from Colasanti's Time 12:00 pm
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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT EPWORTH 2018

- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** - **Lasagna Dinner**– 5:00  
**Oct. 2,3,4,5,6** – picture taking continues for the new directory  
**October 21<sup>st</sup>** - **Migration Brunch** – featuring hot and cold  
 items, 11:30 am to 1:00 **Public Welcome**  
**Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** – **Epworth Rummage Sale**  
**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings – 4:30 to  
 6:30  
**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Hot chocolate during Santa Claus Parade  
**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** – Advent Activity – Stew and Dumplings, crafts, 5:00  
 pm  
**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** – Craft and Bake Sale – 10:00am to 1:00 pm **Public  
 Welcome**
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