

Epworth United Church

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**We Celebrate The Trinity on the 1st Sunday of
Pentecost**

Guest Minister: Rev. Del Stewart

**GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER AND HELPS US
PREPARE**

MUSICAL PRELUDE: Holy, Holy, Holy, Jerry Ray, arranger

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Choral Introit: VU # 376, Spirit of the Living God, vs. 1
& 2 everyone**

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me, mould me, fill me use me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God move among us all
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love
Humble, caring selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapt./Pitt Street Uniting/eoj)

God beyond all names and images,
We worship you in faith.
God in the Christ with human face,
We worship you in truth.

God who moves, draws and enlightens our life,
We worship you in spirit.
 God in relationship,
God the beginning and God the end,
you are our God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*Adapt. - Kathy Galloway/cw*)

God, Source of Life and Love,
In you we live and move and have our being.
 Jesus, Companion and Liberator,
**With you we walk the Way of Justice and Loving
 Compassion.**
 Empowering and Imaginative Spirit,
Through you we are made one.
 God, Trinity of Love, we seek you in the dance of life.
And in the dance of life we embrace your love. This is
 the meaning of resurrection, that we can dance.
Alleluia!

Hymn: VU# 352, I Danced in the Morning

LITANY IN PRAISE OF THE TRINITY (*a Nestorian
 liturgy, 5th century*)

Worthy of praise from every mouth,
Worthy of confession from every tongue,
 Worthy of worship from every creature,
Is your glorious name, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 For you created the world in your grace, **And by your
 compassion you saved the world.**
 To your majesty, O God, ten thousand times ten thousand bow
 down and adore,
Singing and praising without ceasing, and saying,
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
 Heaven and earth are full of your praises.
Hosanna in the highest!
 Amen.

Choir Anthem: Who Will Go for Me? Lloyd Larson; Jan McGuire

Children's Time: ***Somewhere Someone*** (by Rev. Rex A. E. Hunt) – Unison

The Kingdom of Love is coming because

**Somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,
Somewhere someone shares with another in need,
Somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,
Somewhere someone is patient – and waits in love,
Somewhere someone returns good for evil,
Somewhere someone serves another in love,
Somewhere someone is calm in a storm,
Somewhere someone is loving everybody.
Is that someone you?**

Hymn: VU# 377, Holy Spirit Hear Us

WE HEAR THE WORD

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8, *The Call of Isaiah*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29, Voices United, pg. 756, *The Voice of God in a Great Storm*

Glory, glory, glory to our God
Ascribe to God, you powers of the heaven
Ascribe to God all glory and strength!

**Ascribe due honour to God's holy name,
And worship in the beauty of holiness**

God's voice is over the waters
 God's glory thundering across the great waters.
**God's voice is power,
 God's voice is full of majesty**
 God's voice shatters the cedars,
 Splinters the cedars of Lebanon
**God's voice makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 Mount Hermon stampede like a wild young bull.**

God's voice forks into tongues of fire,
 God's voice shakes the wilderness;
 Sets trembling the wilderness of Kadesh
**God's voice causes the oaks to whirl,
 Stripping the forest bare;
 And in the temple all cry: Glory!**

God sits enthroned above the waters,
God is enthroned as sovereign forever.
 You give strength to your people, O God.
**Now give to your people
 The blessing of peace**

Gospel: John 3: 1-17, Nicodemus Visits Jesus

One: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: PUSHING BOUNDARIES

Hymn: VU # 375, Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Pastoral Prayers and Lord's Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Offering is Received

Our offerings for the work of mission and ministry, and our gifts for the celebration of life in this place and beyond, shall now be received.

Offertory Presentation VU# 538, For the Gift of Creation
(sung as offering is brought forward)

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give**

Offertory Prayer: - Responsive (*Adapt. - Rev. Francis Macnab/fwb*)

Eternal Presence of God, as we present our gifts and offerings,
May our lives be expanded and enhanced.

Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.

Let our faith be expressed in good causes.

Let our trust in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: VU # 382, Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Commissioning (*written by Harold Babcock – Adapt.*) -
*Please remain standing

Min: The time has come to leave this sacred space. As you depart know this: the presence and present-ness of God reaches beyond this place.

SILENCE

Min: May we go forth in the certainty of faith, in the knowledge of love, and in the vision of hope.

And in our going may we be blessed with all good things, today and forevermore.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION (Min)

May the God who dances in creation,
Who embraces us with human love,
Who shakes our lives like thunder,
Bless us and drive us out with power
to fill the world with loving compassion and justice...

Choral Response MV #209, Go Make a Difference – Refrain

**Go make a difference, we can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference, we can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.**

POSTLUDE: Come thou almighty King, Don Hustad, 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
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LOOKING AHEAD at May 27th – June 3rd

May 31st - 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 June 3rd – 10:30 **Memorial Sunday**, Rev. John van Omme
 June 3rd – pass the bucket for GessTwood

Kingsville Community Food Bank

Wish/Shopping list June – shampoo, canned fruit, Chef Boyardee meat pastas, toothbrushes.

Award winning classical pianist Vladimir Soloviev -

May 27th at Tecumseh United Church – 4:00 call 519-735-3323 to reserve your tickets

Foundations in Parish Nursing Program – Are you a registered nurse who would like to integrate your spirituality with your nursing practice and also learn more about the exciting field of parish nursing? Join us from July 8-14, 2018 at Brescia University College in London, Ontario. **Deadline to register May 31.** See bulletin board for more info. Handbook can be printed in the church office.

June 3, 2018 is Memorial Sunday and the focus this year is

on the stained glass windows. Coffee hour will include refreshments of fruit bread, cheese, sweets and fruit. If you are willing to provide any of the above, please see Marg Stevens after church or call her at 519-733-2505

Take Charge of Your Diabetes Workshop – Thursday June 7, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm Kingsville Community Centre. Call 1-855-259-3605 to register. FREE

Grand Opening and Open Houses of new church home of Main Street United Church, Mitchell Ontario June 8th 7:00 to 9:00 pm and June 9th 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Opening Worship Service June 10th 10:25 – 133 Ontario Street, Mitchell Ontario

Strawberry Social Luncheon – Saturday, June 9th, Epworth - 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. - \$10 for adults, \$6 for children, four and under free. Menu includes sandwiches, beverages, veggie trays Strawberry shortcake smothered with fresh local strawberries and whipped topping

Children's Aid Society adoption and foster care information session June 13. For more information see flyer on bulletin board

Spring Ring Concert with the Silver Bells June 17th at Epworth at approximately 12:15 following the Silver Bells Luncheon.

Tues-Thurs, July 10-12. 9-11:30am - VBS at Olinda-Ruthven Camp Courageous – Where God's Love is Contagious

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

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.**

Call for Photos for United Church bulletin covers – deadline Oct. 30, 2018. The pictures are for 2020 – see bulletin board for more information.

Call for Photos for the United Church's Calendar – deadline Dec. 20, 2018 for 2020 calendar – see bulletin board for more information.

UCW ACTIVITIES

June 12 – Luncheon at **Kingsville Golf Club** – 12:00

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EPWORTH 2018

June: Saturday 9th Strawberry Social- Local strawberries and tea sandwiches. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

June 10 Church Picnic – details to follow

June 16th Bus Trip to Grand Bend – Kings and Queens of Country

June 17th – Spring Ring Concert with Silver Bells

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