

# WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action.

We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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**Assisting in Worship**

**Soloist:** Morgan Moats

**Reader:** Linda Gunningham

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

\* You are invited to stand

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

\*WE SING VU #684

Make Me a Channel  
of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;

where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

***O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

***O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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## GATHERING WORDS

We gather today, four communities worshipping as one.

**Listening, loving, acting.**

Hearing the stories our ancestors seeking the wisdom of the ages.

**Listening, loving, acting.**

Working for liberation for all, so that all might be welcome at the table.

**Listening, loving, acting.**

Though our work today, may we listen for the word of God, love our neighbours unconditionally, and taking liberating action for all.

**Listening, loving, acting.**

**Amen.**

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

**...Unknowable Mystery,**

**We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.**

**May the “kin-dom” flourish among us.**

**May we have only what we need each day that all might have enough and more tomorrow.**

**May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.**

**May we be strengthened through our trials; and may we face evil with courage, truth and love.**

**As we pray in Jesus' name, may we also walk in his way. Amen.**

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ, **nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.**

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### **WE LISTEN**

## SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

VU # 701            What Does the Lord Require of You?

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,

and walk humbly with your God.

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HEBREW BIBLE

Exodus 1:15-2:10

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

**may we find wisdom for living.**

ANTHEM

Kyrie for the pandemic

M. Moats

SPECULATION

## **WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING VU #215

Hope of the World

Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion,  
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;  
save us, your people, from consuming passion,  
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,  
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
still let your Spirit unto us be given  
to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
showing to wandering souls the path of light;  
walk now beside us lest the tempting byways  
lure us away from you to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us  
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;  
we render back the love your mercy gave us;  
take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
who by this sign has conquered grief and pain,  
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious.  
You are our Lord! You shall forever reign.

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## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### OUR PRAYERS

### WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

### OFFERTORY

#### \*OUR RESPONSE

#### Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community  
All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity  
Sharing, caring, learning, growing  
Rising to each neighbour's needs  
Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus leads!

#### \*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

#### \*WE SING MV #179

#### Sisters, Let Us Walk Together

Sisters let us walk together,  
sharing sadness, loss and grief,  
we will move through pain to wholeness,  
brokenness transformed to peace.

Brothers let us work together,  
seeking justice, healing shame,  
filled with hope, imbued with courage,  
ev'ry violence we will name.

People let us love together,  
joining spirits, linking hands,  
we are God's unique creation,  
clothed with dignity we'll stand.

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WORDS OF MISSION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE