

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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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Soloist: Tessa Whyte

Reader: Owen Ricker

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

*** You are invited to stand**

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

***WE SING VU #165 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness:
God has brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,

loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today,
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun has risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to gladden faithful hearts,
who with true affection
welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection!

4 Neither could the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal,
hold him as a mortal:
for today amid his own
he now stands, bestowing

God's true peace which evermore
passes human knowing.

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GATHERING WORDS

We gather in community, three yet one, connected
through electronic pulses makings pixels flash and
speakers speak.

We are stories and water.

Connected by more than technology but subatomic
swirls and quantum snarls, by shared experience and
our ancient stories.

We are stories and water.

Let's listen to the stories and become a part of them, as
they are a part of us.

We are stories and water.

Hoping against hope to find transformation in the
stories of our ancestors.

We are stories and water.

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 14:10-31

GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,
may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
by Michael Head
Soloist: Tessa Whyte

SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

*WE SING MV #98

Like a River of Tears

Like a river of tears your love pours upon us;
like a sunshine of blessing your grace will sustain
us;
like a star studded sky your spirit shines o'er us,
renewing our spirits with courage and faith.

Like a bird in free flight by windows around us;
like a wind in the forest that breathes life among

us;
like a phoenix that's rising from ashes around us,
renewing our spirits with vision and grace.

Like a pillar of cloud you promise to guide us;
like a bright fiery bush you come to speak to us;
like a calm cooling breeze your spirit breathes in us;
renewing our spirits with loving embrace.

Like a lover's caress your spirit revives us;
like a song of the soul you come to be with us;
like a prayer of the heart you heal and restore us,
renewing our spirits, the future to face.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE MV #196

We Will Take
What You Offer

We will take what you offer,
we will live by your word;
we will love one another
and be fed by you, Lord.

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***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***WE SING VU #625**

I Feel the Winds of God

- 1 I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.
- 2 It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.
- 3 If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;

it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.

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WORDS OF MISSION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE