

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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SHARED SUMMER SERVICE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 25, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Worship Leadership: Mathias Ross
Audio-Visual Coordinator: Hannah Dove
Singers: Members of the Senior Choir
Reader: Lee Stubbe

Congregational responses are indicated by bold

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND COMMON JOURNEY

GATHERING WORDS

God calls when our life has been pleasant or rough.

In either case, it is God who helps us find meaning.

When we make our desires into gods,

**the Only true God shows up in love
to claim us as God's own.**

When we wander in the wildernesses of our making,

God offers rest, balance, and understanding.

In this time of worship,

**we joyfully sing, explore,
and celebrate the Kin-dom Way.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

May this light be the sign of God's presence,

helping us affirm that we are not alone.

May God fill our hearts with living fire,

**prompting us to share the warmth of love and
understanding.**

WE SING MV #28

God of the Bible

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,

you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,

but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

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God always faithful, you do not change.
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OUR OPENING PRAYER

**Break in, O God, when we are on the road.
Break in when we least expect.
Break in to change everything.
Break in with the truth.
Break in with a new world.
Break in again to change scarcity into abundance.
Break in again and empower us for your mission.
Break in again to change our world once more. Amen.**

[Adapted Roddy Hamilton]

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MV #97

Listen, God Is Calling

Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

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

ANTHEM

MV #83 Let My Spirit Always Sing

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Jane Marshall

REFLECTION

All on the Roll, All in a Role

WE RESPOND

WE SING MV #138

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;

and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

**We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking
from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

OUR PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

OUR RESPONSE

VU #537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

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WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

WE SING VU #670

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, Let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,

precious Lord, linger near,

when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears,

and the night draws near

and the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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WORDS OF MISSION

May faith and worship lead to the love of God overflowing
in us.

We seek to grow in faith and be fellow seekers with others.

May the life and words of Jesus shape our faith.

They will strengthen us and expand our witness and service.

May the songs of the Spirit bless our hearts.

The songs of hope will move us to touch others and inspire hope.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE