

# WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

**Minister:** Rev. John Maich

**Music Directors:** Chris Savory and Geoff Snow

**EASTER 7**

**May 20, 2012**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TIME OF SILENCE

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**—Will You Come and Follow Me . . . . .VU 567

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**ONE:** Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head;

**ALL:** **And cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH (*in unison*)

O Great Shepherd, hear the bleating of your sheep and in your love draw near to us. We have wandered away in our search for you, thinking we might find you elsewhere we have strayed from the flock and found, too late, that we were lost. Come to us, in our lonely wilderness and bring us back home to where we will be safe. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S HYMN – He's The Good, Good Shepherd

Well he's the good, good shepherd, he calls his own sheep by name.  
Yeah, he's the good, good shepherd, he calls his own sheep by name.  
He leads them out to pasture then he leads them all home again.

## CHILDREN'S STORY

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

## THE OFFERING

**Offertory** – In the Garden

**Doxology** – Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ONE:** Let us confess our sins before God who is merciful and just.

**ALL:** **O Lord our God, nothing in our hearts or our minds can be hidden from you. You examine us thoroughly and you know the purity of our thoughts and our actions. Forgive us for our faults and our failures whether they be accidental or deliberate. Forgive us in Jesus' name and make us clean. (*silent confession*)**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**HYMN**—Spirit of the Living God . . . . . VU 376

**SCRIPTURE READING** . . . . . read by Kristy Sanchuk

**Acts Lesson:** **Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - 26**

**Responsive Psalm:** **Psalm 1** . . . . . VU pg. 724

**Epistle Lesson:** **1 John 5: 9 - 13**

**Gospel Lesson:** **John 17: 6 - 19**

**Gloria Patri** - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

**ANTHEM** - Like a Healing Stream

**SERMON** **None Has Been Lost**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN**—We Are One . . . . . VU 402

## BENEDICTION

**CHORAL CHARGE** – Three-Fold Amen

## POSTLUDE – Chestnut Sunday

Today's postlude is by the English organist and composer Richard Lloyd. Chestnut Sunday is an old name for the fourth Sunday after Easter in parts of southern England. In our cooler climate, the blossoming of the trees it refers to occurs a little later. Today the "candles" of white flowers are alight in Chestnut trees all along Main Street. This piece is a 4/4 march that evokes the steady progress of the year towards summer and a hymn of praise to the beauty of nature and the God who created and sustains it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Warm Welcome** to all friends and visitors who are worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book at the back of the hall.

**Coffee Hour** – all are welcome for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the auditorium following the service.

**Lectionary Study** – Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

**Official Board Meeting** – Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. Committee Chairs please bring a written report and also send to [wucsecretary@bellnet.ca](mailto:wucsecretary@bellnet.ca)

**Trustees Meeting** – Monday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m.

### **A Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Waterford UCW**

Tuesday, June 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A service in the Sanctuary followed by High Tea in the auditorium. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Invitations are being sent to former women of the congregation. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the auditorium.

**A “Prayer Book” is located at the back of the sanctuary.** Members of the congregation are invited to write their request for prayer for someone in need to be remembered during the pastoral prayers.

**The Yard Sale** held last Saturday was a huge success. Thanks to all who donated items and to all who came and bought new treasures! Profit is \$1,332 to be split evenly between Outreach and the Church’s General Fund.

**RE Audio/Visual:** We need more volunteers for this important job. It would ideal to have a team of 3 - 4 volunteers to rotate monthly with a training program provided by Garrett Forrest who has been operating the system as he is able. As a bonus, students can qualify for school volunteer hours. If anyone has an interest, please contact Diane Holden or any member of the Worship Committee.

### **Upcoming FREE Musical Concerts - All begin at 7:30 p.m. at WUC**

- *Students of John Boon, Organists* – Friday, May 25
- *Joe Calverley and Grace United, Caledonia Choir* – Friday, June 29

- *Kevin Williams, Trumpeter* – Friday, July 27
- *Heather Chwastiak, Pianist* – Friday, August 31

**Ryerson Camp WISH LIST** on the bulletin board in the auditorium lists a wide variety of items and supplies you might be willing to part with or to provide. Contact Sue Stevenson re delivery.

**Roast Beef Dinner – Oakland United Church** is hosting a dinner on Wednesday, May 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. See bulletin board for cost and other details.

**“FUSION” Youth Group** of Bethel Stone United Church (near Five Oaks) invites youth from other congregations in the area to meet with them on Saturday, May 26 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**St. Bernard’s Catholic Women’s League** invites all women of congregations and women’s groups to join them for their Afternoon Tea and Open House on May 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for **Waterford’s Women’s Celebration** at the Waterford Heritage and Agricultural Museum. Each group will have a small area to either display or have a representative available with information on their current activities and the many ways we all have supported local and worldwide charities.

**You Are Invited** to the Norfolk County, Brant County and City of Brantford **Launch of the Southwest Ontario Barn Quilt Trails** on Sunday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m. at Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant. RSVP requested by May 22. Invitation is posted on the bulletin board. This event is supported by our church – painting of the quilt boards is being done in our church basement. Booklets detailing the project are also available in the auditorium.

**The Grand River Chorus** presents *“Summertime and the Livin’ is Easy”*, on Friday June 1 at St. James United Church, Simcoe or Saturday, June 2 at Hope Christian Reformed Church, Brantford. See bulletin for ticket and other information.

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