



KNOX UNITED CHURCH

WELCOME TO KNOX UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

Ecumenical Joint Service
Sunday August 7, 2022

*Welcome! We are glad that you're here! It is wonderful to worship God together!
This is a combined service, with elements from both the Anglican and United
Church traditions. We hope you enjoy this unique expression of our shared faith.*

*Towards the end of the service, we will be joining together for Holy Communion.
All are welcome to come forward and share at Christ's table.
If you would prefer to be served in your seat, please raise your hand.
Communion will be shared in bread only, and a gluten-free option is available.*

*Thank you for your generous offerings. All offerings in envelopes will be directed
to their respective church. All loose offerings will be donated to Caledon
Community Services to support the work of our wider community.*

Gathering Hymn – Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Words of Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations and most recently the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of Treaty 19, also known as the Ajetance Purchase.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Lighting of the Christ and Rainbow Candles

We light the Christ Candle as the visible sign that this ancient light shines in our world. This is the light from which all other light comes, including the light that lights our Rainbow Candle, which symbolizes our intentional welcome of members of the LGBTQ+ community, and the gifts, skills and ministry they offer.

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Call to Worship

We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist,
people with vision.

We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,
people with questions.

We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary,
people with self-doubts.

We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,
people with courage.

We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul,
people with regrets.

We come, like Hagar, Uriah, and the Syrophenician woman,
people with wisdom from the margins.

We come, like Rebekah and Samuel,
like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha,
like John, Mark and Priscilla,

people with a part to play in the story of faith.

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Lord I Lift your Name on High

Intergenerational Time: Rev. Heather: Fun and Faith

Scripture Readings

⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"^[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4: 5-9

Psalm 107*

We give thanks to You, who are the Source of Love;
Whose Light shines forth throughout the universe!

**Come, awaken our hearts that we might do your Work;
for, without You, we can do nothing; 'tis your Love that loves through us.**

Gather us in from all the lands, from the east and the west,
from the south and the north.

Let all who are hungry and thirsty, whose souls are faint within them,

cry out to the Most Merciful to give them succor, to nourish them with healing love.

For fear cannot live where love, grace, and gentleness abide.

Enter into the Great Silence, where you may hear the voice of the Beloved,
Who satisfies the hungry soul, and quenches the thirsty with streams of Living Water.

Yes, attune yourselves to the small still Voice within,
Stay true to your heart's Center.

**For through your inner being Truth and Wisdom are heard;
the resource to break all bonds is found there, too.**

Has no one ever told you that truth is written on the scrolls of your heart, that the Beloved dwells therein?

O peoples of the Light, awaken to the knowledge that lives within you!

Come out of the darkness and gloom;

Break through the fears that hold you prisoner.

Do you not know your destiny is to be a light unto the world,
a bearer of peace and harmony?

O let your light shine as a very ray of the Radiant One's own Light!

(Everyone together)...

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever.

Amen.

Gradual Hymn: Amazing Grace (vs. 1 & 2)

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become

completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

John 17: 20-26

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: Amazing Grace (vs. 4 & 5)

The Sermon: Rev. Michelle

Responsive Hymn: 10,000 Reasons

Prayers of the People

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you)

Time of Offering

Offering Hymn: I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Blessing of the Offering

God of all peoples and God of all places,

we present these offerings,

that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.

With them, we offer our varied ministries,

that each of us may be part of your answer

to the cries of the world. Amen.

Doxology (sung): 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. Amen.

Musical Offering

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God,

accept our praise,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray as Jesus taught:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymns:

The Old Rugged Cross
In Christ Alone

Prayer after Holy Communion

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, Amen.**

Benediction/Blessing

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you always.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Make me a Channel of your Peace

The Dismissal

Go into the world:
dance, laugh, sing, and create.
We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.
Go into the world:
risk, explore, discover, and love.
We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.
Go into the world:
believe, hope, struggle, and remember.
We go with the assurance of your love, O God.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Special thanks to Lois Taylor for hosting our service on her beautiful property.

Thanks to all who participated in the service:

Musicians: Dennis Hahn, Jennifer Smele

Readers: Jim Farmer, Fay McCrea

Intercessors: Diane Allengame, Dean Stevenson

Greeters: Diane Allengame, Judy Davidson, Jim Farmer, Roseanne Mangat,
Lori and Garry Robinson

*Thanks to Nan Merrill for the arrangement of Psalm 107