

First United Church

June 11, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

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- Is a request to stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

Lee Willingham

Listening as we Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Rick Heemskerck

One: Let us pause for a moment and consider our role in reconciliation.

All: First United Church resides on treaty lands known as the Haldimand Tract, which straddle either side of the Grand River, from Lake Erie all the way to north of Shelburne, and upon the traditional territory of Attawandaron, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee people. We recognize this gathering place where we worship and serve is home to many past, present, and future First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Our acknowledgement of the land is our declaration of our collective responsibility to this place and its peoples' histories, rights, and presence. We are called to support and add our collective voice to the "CALLS TO ACTION" from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to never forget, to hold governments and colonial forces to account, and to seek redress and healing for injustice. May our honouring of the land and worship of Creator this day plant a seed that will grow into relationships of justice and healing between settlers and Indigenous peoples in our midst.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit** Open Our Hearts

MV 21

Lighting of the Christ Candle and procession of the Word

Call to Worship

One: God, you call us together in this time and place

All: May all we do here plant seeds of new life in us

One: May we be influenced by the faithfulness of Abraham

All: willing to go live our faith in new ways.

One: Open our hearts as we worship, bless all that we do here this day.

• **Opening Hymn** He Leadeth Me

VU 657

Prayer of Approach

Loving God, we gather together to explore where we are being called. We are urged to look forward to how we can serve you. We are rooted in our past but we need to be aware of the world around us and what is happening in it. Our Song of Faith calls our faith into action. We sing “We place our hope in God. We sing of a life beyond life and a future good beyond imagining: a new heaven and a new earth”. May it be so. Amen

Listening For God’s Word

A Story for the Young at Heart

Readings from Our Tradition

Genesis 12: 1-9 (NIV)

Reader: Rick Chambers

One: Herein is wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 33: 1-12, (VU page 760)

Reader: Rick Chambers

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

One: Your word, O God, is a light unto our path.,

All: Show us the way of life, and reveal to us your truth for this time.

Ministry of Music: As the Deer
Gallery choir

Martin Nystrom, arr. Wilson

Sermon: Dreaming in Faith

Marilyn Burnard

• **Hymn** I am the Dream

MV 106

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory

Lee Willingham

Dedication of Offering

Grant Us, God, the Grace

VU 540

Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, we are called to be community, to be good neighbours. You created a world where there is enough for all. Encourage us to share our treasures to ease the journey of others, to let others know they are not alone. Bless these gifts of time, talent and money. Amen

Call to Prayer

I Have Called you by your Name (vs. 1 & 3)

MV 161

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

- **Sending Hymn**

To Abraham and Sarah

VU 634

Sending Forth and Benediction

- **Response**

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen

VU 974

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude:

Lee Willingham

Guest Biography

Marilyn Burnard

I am currently a Voluntary Associate Minister at Zion United Church in New Hamburg. My first career of 25 years was in nursing.

My ministry vocation started after that time. I served Community Ministry, a partnership of Calvary Memorial United and St. Mark's Lutheran church in Kitchener for 15 years. This ministry served the marginalized people in our community. I also served Christ the King in Kitchener. My husband Tom and I enjoy spending a lot of time with our 12 grandchildren, travelling, motorcycling and enjoying the birds and flowers of our gardens.