

First United Church

June 25, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Fourth 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 Lord, I Want to Be A Christian arr. Gilbert Martin
They'll Know We are Christians by our Love P. Scholtes, arr. Paxton

Listening as we Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

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. 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.

One: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit:** God Welcomes all
God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong and it never ends.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and procession of the Word

Call to Worship

One: Today, we will create a rainbow of colour in our minds.

All: We will reflect on the colour changes of our lives

One: We will see our own colours

All: And the colours of those around us

- **Opening Hymn** Let Us Build a House

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Prayer of Approach

All: God of Creation, we lift our hearts to you in thanks for your gifts to us. We thank you for the colours of the world, reflected in so many ways. We thank you for the cycles of days, and seasons, and lives. And we thank you for the dreams you send us. We thank you for the uniqueness of each one of us. Our different lives that come together this Sunday to reflect on how we, though different and diverse, can come together to serve you and the world you want for your creation. You offer us unconditional love. Help us to reflect that same unconditional love to each person we encounter. So that your great love will endure forever. Amen

Family Choir: Thanks a Lot
Follow, Love, and Serve
Isaac Morland, piano

Raffi
Ruth Elaine Schram

Listening For God's Word

A Story for the Young at Heart

Readings from Our Tradition

Responsive Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Reader: Nancy Lennox

Acts 8: 26-38

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One: Word of God for the Whole People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: I Choose Love

Mark Miller

Sermon: Pride: Then and Now

Greg Case

- **Hymn** My Love Colours Outside the Lines

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