First United Church

June 25, 2023 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.



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

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· Is a request to stand in body or in spirit

PreludeLord, I Want to Be A ChristianThey'll Know We are Christians by our LoveP

arr. Gilbert Martin 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** **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	Raffi
	Follow, Love, and Serve	Ruth Elaine Schram
	Isaac Morland, piano	

Listening For God's Word

A Story for the Young at Heart

Readings from Our Tradition

Responsive Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Acts 8: 26-38

One: Word of God for the Whole People of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music: I Choose Love

Sermon: Pride: Then and Now

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

Reader: Nancy Lennox

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Mark Miller

Greg Case

MV 138

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering							
Offertory The	Rainbow Connection Kenny Ascher & Paul Williams						
Dedication of Offering Grant Us, God, the Grace					VU 540		
Prayer of Dedication: We have gathered in the name of the One who moves around and within us., the One who breathes life into us as individuals and into this community, and the One who brings warmth, hope, and love. In gratitude for the One at work in our lives, we present our offerings. Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane, Alta.							
Call to Prayer	There Is	s Room for all			MV 62		
Prayers of the People							
 The Lord's Prayer Our Father (and Mother), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come; thy 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 kin(g)dom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen 							
Sending Hym	nn All th	he Colours of the Ra	inbow		Carl P. Daw OT'S LEIGH		
Sending Forth and Benediction							
Response	Amen	, Amen, Hallelujah, A	Amen		VU 974		
Recession of the Light and Word							
Postlude: Allegro Vivace from "Water Music" Handel arr. L.Smith							