

**Kerwood-Bethesda United Church  
&  
St. Andrew's United Church**



**Worshiping Together - Down on the Farm!**

**Pastors - Rev. George Rowaan and  
Rev. Cheryl Bolton**

**June 19, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.  
1574 Katesville Drive, Kerwood, ON**

# **WE GATHER**

## **Welcome and Announcements -**

Good morning and Welcome! As we gather together as two communities of faith worshipping One God together, we remember that though we come as individuals or family units, we come together as neighbours and friends, all one in the family of God.

We come here welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.

We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to God's calling.

May God guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully

with all of God's creation. Amen.

## **Lighting the Christ Candle -**

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world, may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

## **Acknowledging Our Kinship -**

One: For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on their traditional territory and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. Help us to become better neighbours so that we might live together in better ways.

**All: For we are all kin in Christ, "All My Relations," with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

## **Call to Worship -**

Creator God, we gather to worship you.

**In baptism, we are called beloved children of God,**

we gather as friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,  
**We gather to worship in song, in prayer, in your word,  
in thoughts and reflections.**

Come, Let us worship.

## **Gathering Hymn - Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord of the ages,  
in our busy lives,  
we do not always make time to love, to pray,  
or to sing your praises.  
We want to be strong,  
yet we often feel out of control:  
buffeted by the winds of change,  
rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships,  
burned by the fires of doubt.  
Forgetting what we cannot see,  
we ask, “Why have you forgotten me?”  
Help us trust your presence,  
even when we feel utterly alone,  
trapped in our dark night of the soul.  
With the promise of Christ as our hope,  
lead us from our own wilderness wanderings  
into the well-tended garden of your love.

### **Words of Assurance**

The steadfast love of God is with you—  
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.  
Whether you turn away or doubt,  
whether you follow timidly or joyfully,  
you are loved and forgiven in Christ.  
**All God’s Children - Rev.  
George**

## Hymn - Would you bless our Homes and Families

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### Litany

**Reader 1:** From the very instant of creation, your Holy Spirit moved on the waters of creation, bringing to life the creative love that is God.

**Reader 2:** Even when the people were forgetful and stubborn, your Holy Spirit called to them to be unafraid, to follow. It led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.

**Reader 1:** During all the times of fear and tumult, you sang the song of hope through the prophets, who called people back to you with tender forgiveness.

**Reader 2:** On a dark winter night you sang your sweetest song and birthed a Savior who came to bring us life and witness to your love and power.

**Reader 1:** At the lakeshore you called to the simple people, the fishermen, to come and follow you. They witnessed your miracles of healing and forgiving love.

**Reader 2:** When the night seemed to be the darkest, even though it was mid-day - you gave your Son to be a witness to your love. From his cross He forgave those who crucified Him and reminded a thief that paradise would be his home.

**Reader 1:** On the early morning, the women were startled with the news of His resurrection. Could it be that all he had said was true?

**Reader 2:** The disciples hid in fear of what others might say, think or do. They were astonished at his presence to them.

**Reader 1:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world.

**Reader 2:** Help us cross lines which divide and unite to proclaim boldly that you are the Spirit of Absolute Love and Peace. Emblazon our

spirits. Make bold our voices. Give joy to our hearts, for we have been called to be witnesses, even to the ends of the world. AMEN.

## **Meditation - Spirit of Gentleness**

**Hymn - I am the Light of the World - 87 VU verses 2-4**

# **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

## **Invitation to Offering**

**Dedication - (Please indicate which congregation your offering is for)**

Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships that both inspire and challenge.

We offer these gifts so that we might continue to build relationships with one another and with your whole creation.

Bless these gifts that they may bring wholeness and life abundance to all your people.

We pray. Amen.

## **A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

One: Jesus came to share the good news of God. He came to share in our joy and sorrows so we may know God more fully. Let us take a moment to share our joys and sorrows in community with God's people.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

## Lord's Prayer

Hymn: May the God of Hope Go With Us - 424

### Blessing and Commissioning

Awesome Spirit! You have inspired us this day to be witnesses to God's love and power. Help us to be joyful in our service and strong in our faith for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we go in peace, with God's peace in our hearts. AMEN.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Strawberry Social will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm till 6:30pm. It will be a drive thru. Please purchase tickets ahead of time from Merna Edison or call the office to reserve. Tickets are \$10



Spread the word.....camp is back on at St. Andrew's United Church. We will have 4 weeks this summer of fun and hijinks. The Dates are July 18-22, July 25-29, August 8-12 and August 15-19. Cost will be \$100 per week.

## **Upcoming Special Services**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b> (Rev.Cheryl away)
<b>July 3</b>	<b>Helen Keenlside from Canadian Food Grains Bank</b> (Rev.Cheryl away)
<b>July 10</b>	<b>UCW 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service</b> (Rev.Cheryl away)