

5 May 2024, 5th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Lynn Hamilton

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Open Bible and Light Christ Candle

May the God whom we know through Jesus the Christ be present among us and within as we gather this day.

Call to Worship

Let us sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvellous things.
Let us make known the Lord's victory,
for God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.
Let us sing joyful praises,
and join all creation to worship God's holy name.

Gathering Hymn MV #1 Let us Build a House *(please stand as able)*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, the power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your compassion without measure, the depths of your wisdom knows no bounds. In Jesus Christ, you meet us in the midst of life's joys and challenges to show us what it means to love and be loved. And so we offer you our love and loyalty, and our prayers and praise; through the power of your Spirit, draw us closer to you and closer to each other as friends and followers of Christ, our Risen Lord.

Merciful God, We often find it difficult to love others as you command. We seek our own security before the wellbeing of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good. Forgive us.

Redirect our priorities, and renew our commitment to live out your love, even when that demands more of us than we expect. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ –
and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new by God's generous grace. Used with permissions
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Prayer of Approach

We Listen for God's Word

GR: Hymn VU # 232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You *(please stand as able)*

WH: Hymn MV 48 I can feel you Near, God *(please stand as able)*

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Holy friend, may the reflections of our hearts and the words of our mouths rest in you, our God.

Time for the Young at Heart

Scripture Reading – [John 15: 9-17](#)

Anthem

Sharing Good News

Hymn VU #152 There is a Green Hill Far Away *(please stand as able)*

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

Invitation to offering

Doxology VU MV # 191: What Can I Do? *(please stand as able)*

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Minute for Outreach

Invitation to Prayer – VU #148 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom.

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Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom 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 that trespass against us, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thou is the kingdom the power and glory, forever and ever Amen.

VU #148 Jesus, Remember Me

We Take Christ's Message Into the World

Hymn VU #424 May The God of Hope Go With Us *(please stand as able)*

Benediction and Commissioning

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge our Creator and the world around us and our place within it. We acknowledge the many nations who call this land home. We acknowledge the Indigenous and non-Indigenous brothers and sisters who walked this land in the past and those who walk it today, this, the traditional and treaty lands of the Anishinaabeg (Ahnish-in-nah-beg), Neutral, and Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) peoples.

Welcome to our church! Please fill out the 'Let's Celebrate Together' form at the back of the sanctuary and place it in the manila envelope provided. 'Let's Celebrate Together'. If you have address / phone / email updates, please send to the office graceunitedportdover@gmail.com

UPCOMING – May 12, 2024

Scripture: Linda Horton, Nancy Sherwin
Psalm 1, John 17:6-19
Livestream: Marion Powerpoint: Marilyn
Outreach: Steve B.

May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus commands us to love one another. What better way to do that than to share what we have?

Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers who helped make the Grace UCW Rummage Sale a success. Together, we raised \$1652.45!

ROBIN'S NEST- Robin would like Susan (her social worker & former student) to take a course in HIV & AIDS. If you could make a donation towards this every amount will add up. Receipts are sent at the end of the year. When a child finishes high school Robin has them take a computer course to prepare them for university or college. I am helping Sarah with this. Pat Tinney 519-583-1503 or email pattinney1@gmail.com

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Let's Celebrate—May 5 - 11

🎂 Pastoral Charge Birthdays 🎂

Shirley Shaw May 6
Lesley Grace May 7
Jeff Morrison May 8
Maureen Clements May 9
Rosemary Stickl May 9

Week at a Glance MONDAY May 6 to SUNDAY May 12

Day	Time	Event	Where
Mon.	10:00 am	W&M Meeting	Parlour
	1:30 pm	Hope Grief Group	Woodhouse
	6:30 pm	Grace Council Mtg	Zoom
Tues			
Wed	1:00 pm	WH UCW	Vittoria Hall
	3:00 pm	Grace Choir	Sanctuary
Thurs	9:30 am	Office Volunteers	Parlour
	10:00 am	Woodhouse Choir	Woodhouse
Sun.	9:30 am	Woodhouse Service	Woodhouse
	11:00 am	Grace Service	Sanctuary

Bible study returns May 14 to June 18.

The Bible Study Group will meet Tuesdays between 10:30 and 11:30 in the Growing Place Room. Folks who have studied together in the last round may return and we welcome new folks. All genders are welcome. The format of reading aloud scripture and a reflection will continue using Joyce Rupp's book of reflections. We then storytell around what we have listened to better understand how God works in our worlds.

The book is this Joyce Rupp's 'Friend of My Soul'. If you want to buy a book and join us, let Rev. Lynn and/or the office know. The books are \$15 CDN. We have a couple if \$15 not doable for you. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

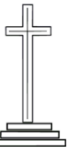
Welcome to the Port Dover – Woodhouse

Pastoral Charge

Woodhouse United Church and

Grace United Church

Sunday May 5, 2024



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