

# WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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*Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.*

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## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 14, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Reader: Tessa Whyte

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

\* You are invited to stand

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

### PRELUDE

\*WE SING VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you,

God of glory, life and love;

hearts unfold like flowers before you,

opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

drive the gloom of doubt away;

giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day

2. All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowering fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let you light upon us shine;  
reach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.

Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

## GATHERING WORDS

Each day is a mystery. None of us knows exactly what is going to happen, exactly whom we're going to meet, or exactly what we will be called upon to do. As we seek to:

***Live Love overflowing.***

Even the days that are filled with routine have moments filled with "aha!" if we open ourselves to

***Live Love overflowing.***

How will we live? How will we love? Whom will we meet?  
As we:

***Live Love overflowing.***

But there are some things we know. No matter what happens, no matter which neighbours we meet, no matter what we are called to do—God's love goes with us. God's love is within us. God's love lives between us calling us to:

***Live Love overflowing.***

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

**...Unknowable Mystery,**

**We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.**

**May the "kin-dom" flourish among us.**

**May we have only what we need each day that all  
might have enough and more tomorrow.**

**May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we have  
been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.**

**May we be strengthened through our trials; and may we  
face evil with courage, truth and love.**

**As we pray in Jesus' name, may we also walk in his way.  
Amen.**

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ

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#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

\*WE SING

All God's Creatures  
arr. by Eidsness

**All God's creatures got a place in the choir,  
Some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything  
they've got now!**

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus

Moans and groans with a big t' do,  
And the old cow just goes, 'Moo!'

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The dogs and the cats, they take up the middle,  
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles.  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old coyote howls.

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Listen to the top where the little birds sing  
On the melodies with the high notes ringing.  
The hoot owl hollers over ev'rything  
And the jaybird disagrees.

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## WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Luke 10, 25-37

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

***may we find wisdom for living.***

ANTHEM

SPECULATION

**WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING VU 299                      Teach me God, to wonder

1. Teach me, God, to wonder,  
teach me, God, to see.  
Let your world of beauty capture me.  
Praise to you be given.  
Love for you be lived.  
Life be celebrated, joy you give!
  
2. Let me, God, be open,  
let me loving be.  
Let your world of people speak to me.  
Praise to you be given.  
Love for you be lived.  
Life be celebrated, joy you give!
  
3. Let me, God, be ready,  
let me be awake.  
In your world of loving, my place take.  
Praise to you be given.  
Love for you be lived.  
Life be celebrated, joy you give!
  
4. Teach me, God, to know you,  
hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbor when we meet.  
Praise to you be given

Love for you be lived.  
Life be celebrated, joy you give!

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE

Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community  
All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity  
Sharing, caring, learning, growing  
Rising to each neighbour's needs  
Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus leads

\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*WE SING MV #138      My Love Colours Outside the Lines

1. My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
2. My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

***We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking  
from time to time.***

***And we'll never move the gravestones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.***

3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries  
where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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**\*WORDS OF MISSION & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**