



# Fonthill United Church

## October 17, 2021

**WELCOME**

We welcome all who worship with us today.  
Whoever you are, whatever your faith journey,  
whomever you love, you are welcome here.

Our mission is to be an inclusive community of hope,  
offering opportunities for worship, learning and fellowship  
which inspire us to follow on the path of Jesus:  
loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and  
loving our neighbours, as we love ourselves.

**OUR COMMITMENT TO RIGHT RELATIONS**

Fonthill United Church acknowledges that the land we call our own is the traditional territory of the Mississauga, Mississaugas of the Credit, Attiwonderonk, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabewaki First Nations.

We acknowledge the Between the Lakes Treaty of 1792  
in which much of this traditional territory was redistributed.

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**GOOD TO KNOW**

**MASKS** – Face masks must be worn at all times while you are in the church building and sanctuary, including during the entire Sunday worship service. Thank you.

**HEARING ASSIST** - Personal listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary for improved sound. Please feel free to ask an usher for a headset.

**ACCESSIBILITY** - There are reserved handicapped parking spots in the west parking lot, an elevator to access all levels of the church, and a handicapped accessible washroom just past the sanctuary.

**VU**—Voices United Hymn Book | **MV**—More Voices Hymn Book  
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*\* Indicates to please stand, as you are able*

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**WORSHIP FOCUS:** “Divinization”

In Christian theology, divinization (“divinization” may also refer to apotheosis, lit. “making divine”), or theopoesis or theosis, is the transforming effect of divine grace, the spirit of God, or the atonement of Christ.

# *We Gather Together*

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We come from many places to this land that Indigenous people call Turtle Island. We come with hopes and dreams, fears and worries. People have been coming to this place for centuries in wave after wave of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Our neighbours come and are coming from all corners of the world. Let us affirm this diverse Canadian heritage with joy: Bless our God, Creator and Source of Love!

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **GREETING:** *(please stand as you are able)*

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **WE REMEMBER THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE** (Pouring of the Water)

### **INTROIT MV 145: "Draw the Circle Wide" (vs. 2)**

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Jesus asks us:

**All: Are we able to drink the cup that he drank from?**

One: Jesus asks us:

**All: Are we able to be baptized with the same baptism that he received?**

One: Jesus asks us:

**All: Are we able to share our time together?**

One: Jesus asks us:

**All: Are we willing to gather and be transformed?**

One: And yet, like the disciples . . . .

**All: We ask that Jesus do what we ask him to do.**

**We ask that we sit at the best seat.**

**We ask that we be served.**

**We obsess about who is the greatest.**

One: We want to be like Jesus.

**All: Jesus wants us to be a little more like him.**

One: We think Jesus is just like us.

**All: And he is.**

One: And he is not.

One: We want to be like Jesus.

**All: Come, let us try to follow Jesus.**

One: We want to be like Jesus.

**All: Come, let us try to understand what this means.**

**HYMN VU 688: "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"**

1 O day of God, draw nigh  
in beauty and in power,  
come with your timeless judgement now  
to match our present hour.

2 Bring to our troubled minds,  
uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith,  
calm of a call obeyed.

3 Bring justice to our land,  
that all may dwell secure,  
and finely build for days to come  
foundations that endure.

4 Bring to our world of strife  
your sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more  
and desolation cease.

5 O day of God, draw nigh  
as at creation's birth;  
let there be light again, and set  
your judgements in the earth.

**CENTERING PRAYER**

*We Listen to God's Word*

**HYMN VU 343: "I Love to Tell the Story" (vs. 1)**

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

**FIRST LESSON:** Hebrews 5: 1-10 *Reader: Sheila Laundry*

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**SECOND LESSON:** Mark 10: 35-45 *Reader: Sheila Laundry*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**REFLECTION:** "The Imitation of Christ"

**HYMN VU 635:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me;  
what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy  
who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
here by faith in him to dwell,  
for I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.
- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me,  
cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial,  
feeds me with the living bread.

Though my weary steps may falter,  
and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me,  
lo, a spring of joy I see!

- 3 All the way my Saviour leads me;  
O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,  
wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages,  
'Jesus led me all the way!'

### *We Go Out Into God's World*

#### **OUR OFFERING**

#### **GREAT PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **HYMN VU 385: "Spirit Divine" (vs. 5)**

Spirit divine, attend our prayers:  
and make this house your home;  
descend with all your gracious powers:  
O come, great Spirit, come.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers:  
make a lost world your home;  
descend with all your gracious powers:  
O come, great Spirit, come!

#### **WE SHARE OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER: (sung - VU 959)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

#### **COMMISSIONING**

#### **HYMN VU 713: "I See a New Heaven"**

##### Refrain

I see a new heaven. I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
where the fountain of life flows and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,  
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
the Tree of Life will be. Refrain
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,  
body and soul, struggling but whole  
like flowers after the rain. Refrain
- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.  
There where the night, bearing new light,  
reveals the promise of love. Refrain
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
to build a promised new land. Refrain

**BLESSING:**

May God bless you and keep you. May God cause light to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God turn towards you and grant you peace.

**PARTING HYMN VU 422: "God Be with You till We Meet Again" (vs. 1)**

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Refrain  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

**POSTLUDE**

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