

**Joint Summer Worship
Fenwick and Fonthill United Churches**

Rev. Garry van Bruchem (in July)
Rev. Alan McLean (in August)
Cathy Sturt – Musician

July 23, 2017

Proper 11

ORDER OF SERVICE

* *Indicates please stand, if able*

We Gather

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* **Opening Hymn 405** “New Every Morning”

* Call to Worship: (*responsively*)

God has searched us and knows us.

God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

God searches out our path and our lying down.

God is acquainted with all our ways.

Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it.

God’s hand is ever available to guide us.

Such knowledge is a wonder to us.

It is beyond anything we can attain.

We cannot escape from God’s spirit.

There is nowhere to flee from God’s presence.

Darkness is as light to our God.

God illuminates the way before us.

Let us worship God.

(Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Approach: (*in unison*)

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

Test us and know our thoughts.

We gather with eager longing to know you,

ever present God, and to be known by you.

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We seek to live as your beloved children.

Assure in this worship that you hear our prayers.

Fill our dreams and our waking hours with radiant hope.

May every time of encounter

move us to awe and fervent worship,

in the way of Jesus Christ

who taught us to pray as we say,

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

(Children’s Time)

Three Requested Hymns (*As chosen by the congregation,
the first two seated and the third one standing.*)

We Listen

Responsive Psalm 139 – VU pg. 861 (sung refrain)

Lay Reader: Morris Looby

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Sermon

* **Hymn 608** “Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind”

We Give Thanks

Invitation to the Offering

* Presentation of the Offering: VU 538

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,

and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,

we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

* Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

**God of mystery and grace,
you have met us and blessed us
with such abundant promise.
In gratitude we offer what we carry
in our hearts and our pockets.
As we bring these offerings,
we pray that you would use us,
for we come in the name of Jesus
and by the movement of your Spirit
in this place. Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

Choral Response: VU 376, vs. 2

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

We Go Forth

* **Closing Hymn 665** "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"

* Benediction

* Choral Blessing: MV 224

**May the God of Peace and of all good,
may the God of Peace and of all good,
be always with you. Amen!
May God's peace be with you. Amen!**

Postlude

Prayer List

Let us pray for Trinity Pastoral Charge, Elmira in Waterloo
Presbytery on the Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle this week,
and all those in the Fenwick and Fonthill congregations in need of
prayer.

The Life and Work of the Congregation

Welcome to worship at Fenwick United Church. We welcome our
guests, and pray that our worship time together will be a time of
strengthening of spirit for the work of the week ahead. Please sign our
guest book at the doors to the sanctuary and join us for refreshments
and conversation in the church hall following the service.

Our hosts: The Fenwick U.C.W.

Greeting you: Marion Latham and Roma Koeman
Children's Ministry Leader: Linda Sharpe-Pietras

Announcements

Summer Worship: In July, joint services will be here in Fenwick. In
August and on September 3, joint services will be at Fonthill United
Church. All services will begin at 10:00 am. Summer offerings made
by contribution envelopes will go to the designated church.

Pastoral Care: In July, Rev Garry van Bruchem will be available for
pastoral concerns. He can be reached at the Fonthill church (905
892-6433). In August, Rev Alan McLean will be available for pastoral
concerns at the Fenwick church (905 892-3081) or contact Linda
Sharpe-Pietras.

The Fall Communicator will be going out towards the end of August.
If anyone has an article to be included, please send it to the church
office by August 17. We would love to hear some stories of what you
were doing over the summer, as well as any upcoming church events
planned for the fall.

The Fonthill Grapevine will be mailed out on August 31. Please send
your submissions for the newsletter to the office by August 22.

This Week in Prayer and Devotion

Morning Prayer

In whatever shelter I wake this morning,
I know this place is holy because you meet me here.
As I wash my body and prepare for the day,
I remember baptismal waters and the claim upon my life.
Wherever darkness looms, Sovereign God,
traffic in mercy this day.
Traffic in mercy this day. Amen.

Evening Prayer

As darkness spreads over the land,
I trust that you move in it.
As I yield the night to sleep and dreams,
I pray you would remake me
into a servant bold,
for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

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