

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Cell Phones interfere with our sound system, therefore we request that all phones be turned off or to "airplane mode". Thank you.

WE GATHER

Silent Prayer and Preparation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn 101** – *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

* Opening Words: *(responsive)*

The one who calls us together this day
yearns for each of us and for all people
to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing
faithful words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Let us worship God.

* **Introit:** *VU 315*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

(Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Approach: *(in unison)*

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways,

and you give us to each other

to know and to love

on the journey of life.

Show us your will for all creation.

**Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts
so that we may honour what you have made.**

By your Holy Spirit, O God,

open our ears, our eyes,

our hearts, and our minds

to the Word you have spoken in Jesus,

so that it comes to rule within us.

We pray as Jesus taught and as we sing ...

The Prayer of Jesus: *VU 959 (sung)*

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.

Choir Anthem

WE LISTEN

Bible Readings: *(see insert)*

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

- Marleene Kretchman

Responsive Psalm 139 - VU pg. 861

John 1: 43-51

Sermon

WE GIVE THANKS

* **Hymn 299** – *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

Minute for Mission: Displaced People

- Marleene Kretchman

Offering

Choir Anthem

* Offertory Response: *VU 540*

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

* Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

**Bless in every way, O Lord,
the gifts of the people here have given.
Enrich the ministries of your people
and make us grateful to be able
to let go of the things
we do not, finally, own. Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

Choral Response: *MV 90*

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised,
promised to be always near.**

WE GO FORTH

* **Closing Hymn 562** – *Jesus Calls Us*

* 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

(The congregation is invited to hear the postlude in silence.)

Ushers: John and Joan Rigg
Counters: Keith and Ruth Rae

WELCOME

We welcome all who worship with us today, but especially our guests. We would like to have a chance to meet our visitors. Please sign the guest book at the main entrance doors and introduce yourself to the greeter in the foyer or to the minister. After worship, the congregation visits over refreshments in the lower hall and we hope you will join us.

If you would like the minister to call on you, please contact the church office (905 892-6433); the church office is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Assisted Hearing Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary for improved sound. Please feel free to ask an usher for a headset. As well, large print copies of the hymns are available at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to use them during the service.

Pastoral Care Committee Prayer List: Karen McIntee, Helen Diomin, Geri Newell

Announcements

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday February 18 after worship. All committee chairs and group leaders are asked to send in their annual report by February 1.

At the annual meeting, the congregation elects those who will serve on Council and the four committees. The committees are:

- Worship and Membership
- Pastoral Care
- Finance and Property
- Ministry and Personnel

If you have an interest in being involved with others in the work of the church, by serving on Council or one of the Committees, please speak to the minister.

Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be held this Saturday, January 20; breakfast is at 8:00 am followed by a discussion on the future of the Men's Club. The regular attendees will be called but other men who are interested in attending should contact Keith, Rich or Harland.

Service today – There will be a covenanting service for Rev. Martha Lockwood today at 2:00 pm at Central United Church, Welland. All are welcome to attend.

Friendship Group – The next outing is to attend the Port Colborne Operatic Society's musical production of "The Wizard of Oz." The date is Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 pm in Port Colborne. Tickets are available at the group rate of \$23.00 from Bob Laing. Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis and plans are to go for dinner (optional) afterwards at the Swiss Chalet in Welland.

The Week Ahead at Fonthill United

Mon.	Jan 15	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tues.	Jan 16	9:00 am	Badminton
		9:00 am	Quilting
		1:00 pm	Council Meeting
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		6:00 pm	A Cappella Niagara Practice
Wed.	Jan 17	3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		6:30 pm	Cubs & Beavers
Thurs.	Jan 18	9:00 am	Badminton
		9:30 am	Quilting
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:30 pm	Tai Chi
Sat.	Jan 20	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun.	Jan 21	9:30 am	Worship Service

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