

ORDER OF SERVICE

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WE GATHER

Silent Prayer and Preparation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn 222** – *Come, Let Us Sing*

* Opening Words: (*responsive*)

In worship, we lift up our eyes, seeking to know God.
We attune our spirits to the One in whom we dwell.

**God’s love surrounds us here today.
God calls us to live in the light.**

We seek to be faithful to the best we know.
We live to invest our talents in God’s kingdom.

**Doing justice gives purpose to life.
We build one another up in worth and dignity.**

May our worship encourage all who gather here.
Let us worship God.

* **Introit:** *VU 392*

**How sacred is this place!
Its open door of grace
be bold, my soul, to enter!
May all who worship here,
believing God is near,
find God is at the centre.**

(Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Approach: (*in unison*)

**O God, our life in Christ is the treasure that is
precious beyond all value.
We celebrate your generosity and goodness to us!
Inspire us to learn your ways and to share your gospel,
that all may enter into the joy of Christ.**

**Come, Holy Spirit,
open our minds and hearts this day,
that we may be illumined by your living Word
as those who walk in the light of the world, Jesus Christ
who taught us to pray 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: *“In Grateful Praise”* - *J. Carter*

WE LISTEN

Bible Readings:

Responsive Psalm 90 - *VU* pg. 805 - *Keith Rae*
Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

WE GIVE THANKS

* **Hymn 688** – *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

The Offering

Choir Anthem: *“She Comes Sailing on the Wind”* - *G. Light*

* Offertory Response: *MV 191*

**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.**

* Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

**O God, you are our home
and dwelling place forever.
We thank you for giving your people
a gift beyond all value,
the treasure of life in Christ.
We wait in hope for the coming of your realm
and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth.
Bless our gifts that we offer you this day.
With them may we share your love with others,
that all may know your eternal joy. Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

Choral Response: *(Iona)*

**God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
so may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
lead you through darkness into the light.**

WE GO FORTH

* **Closing Hymn 569** – *You Call Us Out*

* 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.)

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.

Ushers: Helen Wismer and Diane Rawsthorn

Counters: John Crocco and Ken Brydon

Announcements

Another successful **"Homes for the Holidays"** Christmas house tour took place yesterday. A huge note of appreciation goes to all the many volunteers who volunteered/contributed in some manner to its success. A special thank you to the home owners for opening their homes, and to the decorators for giving their time, talent and product to allow the church to host such an event year after year. Please continue to support these decorators.

The Grapevine will be going out towards the end of November. If anyone would like an article or notice included, please send it to the church office by this Tuesday. Thank you.

Syrian Family "Meet and Greet" – We are happy to offer an opportunity for the congregation to meet our sponsored family tomorrow evening (November 20.) We will meet in the lower hall at 6:30 pm for refreshments and a time of fellowship. The family is looking forward to meeting everyone and thanking them for the chance to move to Canada. Everyone is welcome to join us!

A Cappella Niagara will host their annual concert at Fonthill United this Saturday, November 25 at 2:00 pm. See Bob Laing for tickets.

Lessons, Carols & Cookies Service – Everyone is invited to an Advent Celebration on Wednesday, December 6 at 2:00 pm. We will enjoy a beautiful service of lessons and carols and then join in fellowship in the lower hall to taste the delicious cookies prepared by the ladies of the U.C.W. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted at the service for a charitable outreach project.

Spiritual but not Religious? Do you attend worship services in the United Church of Canada, but wouldn't really call yourself religious? Then I want to talk to you! My name is Kim Curlett. I am a final year Masters of Divinity student and am interested to know why people like you might attend services when you don't consider yourself religious, and what it is about the United Church that attracts people to attend worship. This anonymous study will take approximately one hour. If you are interested in participating, please contact me.

The Week Ahead at Fonthill United

Mon.	Nov 20	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tues.	Nov 21	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.	Nov 22	3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		6:30 pm	Cubs & Beavers
Thurs.	Nov 23	9:00 am	Badminton
		9:30 am	Quilting
		11:00 am	Shorthills Villa Worship Service
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:30 pm	Tai Chi
Sat.	Nov 25	2:00 pm	A Cappella Niagara Concert
Sun.	Nov 26	9:30 am	Worship Service

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