

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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Mark Twain once said, "It's not the things in the Bible I don't understand that bothers me, it's the ones I do."

*We welcome Fenwick United as we share in worship together
in July & August*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Thanking our elected officials and assuring them of our regular
prayers is a way for the light of Christ to shine in and through us.*

INTROIT: HWC 74 "Majesty"

**Majesty, worship His Majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise!
Majesty, Kingdom Authority,
Flow from His throne, unto His own
His anthem raise!
So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus!
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings!**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
We come before our God
with humble and thankful hearts.

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We come in anticipation
for a fresh revelation from God's Word
we come hungering and thirsting
for a closer walk with Jesus.
Let us worship **Let us pray.**

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

**Gracious and generous Father God, as we embrace the warmth of
summer, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude.
Thank You for the warmth of the sun that brightens our spirits and
illuminates our paths.
May we cherish each moment of light, finding joy in Your creation
and sharing that joy with others.
Help us to reflect Your love in all we do, in this time of worship and
the days to come. May Your Holy Spirit move among us as we gather
in the strong Name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: VU 232 "Joyful Joyful"**

TIME OF REFLECTION (sung)

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Psalm 139:23

HWC 439 "Cleanse Me"

**Search me, O God, and know my heart today; Try me, O Saviour,
know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.**

Silent Reflection

HWC 427 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (verse 1, sung)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives Thy service find, In
deeper rev'rence, praise.**

RESPONSIVE READING: VU pg. 807 "Psalm 91"

READER: Stephen Bronn

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 17:31-50, Matt. 11:28-30

³¹What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent
for him.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those

gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***SUNG 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.**

***OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

Gracious God,

**You have taught us that it is better to give than to receive.
You have blessed us with abundance
and we can never out-give you.**

**Receive these offerings that come from our hearts
as well as our hands.**

May Your blessing magnify their benefits.

We pray in the Name of Jesus who gives us all things. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*(Lord hear our prayer, **and in your love, answer**)*

HYMN VU 664: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

MESSAGE: Burdens, Yokes, Slings and Stones

CLOSING HYMN VU 674: "Fight the Good Fight"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING CHORUS: MORE VOICES UNITED Pg. 214

"May God's Sheltering Wings"

May God's sheltering wings, his gathering wings protect you. May God's nurturing arms, his cradling arms sustain you, and hold you in his love, and hold you in his love.

POSTLUDE

LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS
are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

AFTER WORSHIP, everyone is invited to stay
for refreshments and fellowship
in the Lower Hall on the lower level.

PRAYER LIST

As we face life's challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Jul 13 - 10 am Worship Service at Fonthill United
with Fenwick United

Jul 20 - 10 am Worship Service at Fonthill United
with Fenwick United

Jul 27 - 10 am Worship Service at Fonthill United
with Fenwick United

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to thank everyone who attended John's service and for the donations in John's memory; the sympathy cards, phone calls, and also for the beautiful flower arrangement. It was all so much appreciated! Thank you! Joan.

FONTHILL UNITED LUNCHEON: Please join us on Sunday, July 20th for our farewell luncheon for Gordon & Wendy Crossfield at 11:30am. Gordon's last service is July 27th.

THE WALKING GROUP: Calling all people! Come walk with us on Thursdays at 10am at the Steve Bauer Trail on Pt. Robinson Rd. (down from Glynn A Green School). In inclement weather join us at the Meridian Centre. To be followed at 10:45am at McDonald's for a coffee and conversation. If you can't come for the walk, come for the talk! We look forward to seeing you there!

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Pelham Cares Fundraiser. Sunday, July 13th from 3-4:30pm at the Peace Park Bandshell in Fonthill. Bring lawnchairs. "To help the residents of Pelham help each other".

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH,
YOU ARE WELCOME TO:**

- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926,
Fonthill ON L0S 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the
exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: fonthilu@vaxxine.com.
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR).
Contact the church office to register.

***Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the
entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!***

Church Office Hours for this week:
Mon-Fri - 8-12pm

Please call before coming in to ensure your needs can be met

BE
Strong
AND
Courageous

Fonthill United Church

July 6, 2025

Welcome All!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.
United in God's love,
we strive to be an inclusive community,
learning together and supporting others with compassion.

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