

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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“We ought to have space in our lives for doing what Mary did: spending time with the Word of God, learning from Jesus by listening to Him in worship and adoration - which is the most important activity in our life. But let us also learn that from time to time we are to be doing the practical helpful things that are needed around the house and around the church.” – Rev. James Packer

PRELUDE: “Be Thou My Vision” (*Traditional Irish Melody*)
“Nimrod” from the “Enigma Variations” – *E. Elgar*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: HWC 588

- 1 **We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

- 2 **Let’s forget about ourselves
and magnify His name and worship Him.
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Let’s forget about ourselves
and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*responsively*)

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.

I was glad when they said to me,

Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Let us sing to the Lord with grateful praise.

God is worthy of our highest praise.

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in His sanctuary.

Let us worship. Let us pray.

GATHERING PRAYER: (*in unison*)

**Gracious and loving Heavenly Father,
You have called us into adoption as your children.**

**You have called us to be your church,
the Body of Christ on earth.**

**You have given us the Holy Spirit to equip us
to be what You want us to be.**

**We gather this morning with one accord and with one purpose;
to honour You with all that we do and say and think.**

Receive our heartfelt worship we pray.

In Jesus’ precious Name, Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE VU 409:** “Morning Has Broken”

TIME OF REFLECTION and CONFESSION:

The Bible states that God does not "remember" our wickedness (Hebrews 8:12). God is all-knowing. God knows that we have "sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). However, having forgiven us, He is able to treat us as if the sin had not occurred. If we belong to Him through faith in Christ, God does not hold our sins against us. In that sense we must "forgive and forget." If we forgive someone, we must act as if that sin had never occurred. We must begin behaving towards that person as if we had forgotten. We remember the sin, but we live as if we did not remember it. Ephesians 4:32 tells us, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Lord, help me to behave towards the person I have forgiven as if the sin had never occurred, as if I have forgotten. That includes myself.

Silent Reflection

RESPONSE: HWC 427 (vs. 1)

**1 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.**

If we have sincerely repented, God has forgiven. God is rich in mercy.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 8 – VU pg. 732 *LAY READER: Joan Wells*

FIRST READING: Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, *Jesus* entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

SECOND READING: James 3: 15, 17-18

Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Theme from Impromptu Op. 90 No. 3" - *Schubert*

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)

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.**

***HYMN VU 593:** "Jesu, Jesu"

MESSAGE: "In a World Full of Distractions"

***CLOSING HYMN VU 672:** "Take Time to Be Holy"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Aire from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D" – J.S. Bach

We welcome back and thank Bruce Morrith for enriching our service today with music on the cello.

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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME our friends from Fenwick United Church to our joint summer worship service. Next Sunday, August 4 we will jointly worship at Fenwick United Church, up to and including September 1. You will have the opportunity to pick your favourite hymn, so come prepared to ask for it! All services will begin at 10:00 am. Offering envelopes will go to the designated church.

FOR PASTORAL CARE during August, please contact the Rev Garry van Bruchem at Fenwick United Church.

NURSERY: During August, nursery care will be available during worship at Fenwick United Church.

LOST & FOUND: A grey and white knitted throw was left in the sanctuary after the July 21 service. If it belongs to you, it will be in the Fonthill United Church office for pickup.

HOUSE TOUR: We are in the process of organizing a Fonthill United Church Christmas House Tour for this November. If anyone in the churches is interested in offering their home for viewing on the tour, or know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Janet Hamilton.

CONTACT NAMES: Accidents or sudden illness can and do happen at church. The Fonthill Council felt it was a good idea to keep a list in the office of persons to contact in case of emergency. This is entirely voluntary, but if you wish, please send a contact name and phone number to Patrice to keep on the office list for Fonthill.

The Churches of Pelham invite you to **"PRAISE IN THE PARK"** on Sunday August 4 at 3:00 pm in Peace Park, Fonthill. Music by Danica Bucci and Ray Lyell with the Sweets Corners Worship Band. Donations for Pelham Cares will be gratefully accepted. Bring lawnchairs. Rain venue: St. Alexander's Catholic Church.

ANOTHER FURNITURE DRIVE: Sigita was contacted by Rev Martha Lockwood of Central United Church in Welland to help a newly arrived man settle into an apartment. Martha knew that the United Churches in Pelham had helped some Ukrainian families and asked Sigita whether we could help him too. He is from Uganda. He has been in Canada for 6 months and wants to become a Canadian citizen. He is preparing to get his A-Z driving licence to drive big trucks. And he is moving into his first apartment. For the apartment he needs: a twin bed and bedding, a couch (pull-out if possible), kitchen chairs, some pots and pans, some towels for the kitchen and bathroom. If you have any of these things to spare, please contact Sigita.