

**BULLETIN NOTATIONS**

**VU**-Voices United Hymn Book | **MV**-More Voices Hymn Book  
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*Father's Day*

*"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." — Unknown*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. You people come and follow me."**

**INTROIT: HWC 22**

**Holy Holy Holy Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of Thee!  
Heaven and earth are praising Thee.  
O Lord most high.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Lord God is our God

**We will exalt Him.**

For He has worked wonders.

**The Lord is our strength and our song.**

Every Word of God is tested

**He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him**

The Lord is our Father

**He has carved us into the palm of His hand**

Then we will say on this day.

**We will give praise and thanks to the Lord.**

Let us worship. **Let us pray.**

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**OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)***

**Gracious and generous God,  
Creator and giver of all that is good.**

**We acknowledge that all that we have is from You.**

**We offer praise and thanks that You are a Father to us tender and sympathetic to those who reverence You.**

**Lead us into a deeper understanding of that precious relationship we pray. In the Name of Jesus Your Son our Saviour. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE VU 580: "Faith of Our Fathers"**

TIME OF REFLECTION and CONFESSION

**O God, Father that you are,  
you know what is right for us,  
but too often we only want our way or no way,  
instead of your way.**

**Have mercy upon us when we turn from you.**

**Forgive us when we do not realize  
your fatherly love and direction for us.**

**Have mercy upon us indeed,  
and teach us anew how to follow you,  
Father that you are.**

**We pray this through your Son,  
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

*Silent Reflection*

God wants us close to Him with nothing separating us from Him. That is why He is so eager to forgive and generous in Grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: VU pg. 732 "Psalm 8"**

*READER: Trudy Pickersgill*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:5-15

<sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But

when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Praise God!” ~ D. Besig

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)*

**O Lord,  
We thank You for Your steadfast love and mercy to us. Father, we  
believe that every word in the Bible was breathed out by You (2  
Tim 3:16), and we believe Your promise that You will bless us**

**when we are obedient to Your Word. And so, without hesitation,  
we gladly give to You what is Yours. Bless these offerings, Father  
we pray. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**\*\*Prayer For Our Men**

(Would all the men please stand. Women remain seated. These are the men of this church. We all need to be praying for each one of them that each of them will be the man that God has called them to be in this congregation and in their own personal lives).

Women – let’s pray together:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**We thank you today for fathers and men who have taken on a  
father and mentor role in someone else’s life.**

**This Father’s Day, we pray over these men, for their mental,  
spiritual, and emotional health.**

**We pray that in all these areas of their lives that You, O God, will be  
at the centre.**

**Throughout the joys and challenges of living we pray that their  
spiritual walk will grow abundantly so that in all that they do will  
glorify You, and all that they say will be gracious and affirming.  
Bless and encourage them we pray, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.**

HYMN VU 356: “Seek Ye First”

MESSAGE: Who Is the Ideal Father?

**CLOSING HYMN VU 236:** “Now Thank We All Our God”

**\*BENEDICTION**

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 Board Room & Friendship Room 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**

Jun 22 – 9:30 am Sunday Service

Jun 29 – 10 am Joint Worship Service at Fonthill United  
with Fenwick United

Jul 6 - 10 am Joint Worship Service at Fonthill United  
with Fenwick United

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you to all who participated in making our Food Drive the wonderful success it was! We raised \$2,270! Way to go Fonthill United! We are helping to make the world a better place!**

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**On behalf of the Huntington Society of Canada, I would like to thank all those who donated to my HD Niagara walk. Fonthill United donated \$330, my Niagara/Hamilton Chapter members raised \$13,100 and Nationally the HSC raised \$186,200. The National total will be matched by an anonymous donor. Thank you again for your continued support of myself and HSC. Thank you! ~ Gail**

**LASAGNE DINNER:** The Outreach committee is hosting a Lasagne Dinner on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8p.m. The tickets are \$15.00 each. They are available at the Church office, every morning during the week and on Sunday mornings, or telephone Janet to reserve your space. We want you to bring family, friends and neighbours to this dinner. We want to get to know them and for them to meet us.

**BONFIRE NIGHT:** Are you new to the area and looking to connect with other members of the community? Join us on Friday June 20 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm for Fenwick United Church's Bonfire Night. Join us in the parking lot at 1050 Church Street, Fenwick. Come out for an evening under the stars, where you can roast marshmallows and watch our very special guests, Doppelgangers perform live music! Bring your own lawn chairs, and your friends, or come on out to meet some new ones. Everyone is welcome! This event is made possible through a generous grant from the Erwin Taylor Charitable Foundation.

### **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](mailto: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!*

#### THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

|                   |           |                         |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Monday June 16    | 8:00 am   | Montessori School       |
|                   | 4:00 pm   | Music Lessons           |
|                   | 6:30 pm   | Pickle Ball             |
| Tuesday June 17   | 8:00 am   | Montessori Preschool    |
|                   | 2:00 pm   | Music Lessons           |
|                   | 7:00 pm   | Council Meeting         |
| Wednesday June 18 | 8:00 am   | Montessori Preschool    |
|                   | 1:30 pm   | Pickle Ball             |
|                   | 2:30 pm   | Music Lessons           |
|                   | 3:30 pm   | Music Lessons           |
|                   | 6:00 pm   | A Cappella Practice     |
| Thursday June 19  | 8:00 am   | Montessori Preschool    |
|                   | 10:00 am  | Walking Group           |
|                   | 2:00 pm   | Music Lessons           |
|                   | 3:00 pm   | Choir Practice          |
|                   | 4:00 pm   | Parking lot for Town    |
| Friday June 20    | 8:00 am   | Montessori Preschool    |
|                   | 12:30 pm  | Music Lessons           |
|                   | 6:30 pm   | Pickle Ball             |
| Saturday June 21  | 11:00 am  | Music Lessons           |
|                   | 1:00 pm   | Music Rehearsal         |
|                   | 6:00 pm   | Parking lot for Wedding |
| Sunday June 22    | 9:30 am   | Sunday Service          |
|                   | Afternoon | Music Lesson Make-Up    |

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

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

## Fonthill United Church June 15, 2025 – Father's Day

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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.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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