

### **BULLETIN NOTATIONS**

**VU**-Voices United Hymn Book | **MV**-More Voices Hymn Book  
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**\* Indicates to please stand, if able**

#### *Canada Day*

*"In 2025, as we celebrate Canada Day, let us remember the spirit of unity, resilience, and progress that has defined our nation for 157 years. From coast to coast to coast, we are a tapestry of cultures, languages, and perspectives, united by a shared love for this land we call home. Let us embrace our diversity, celebrate our achievements, and look to the future with hope and optimism, for we are Canada, strong and free."*

*Joining us this morning is John Krutschke on piano. John will be filling in for our August services. Thank you for your music this morning!*

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

#### 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.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD

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**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise**

How awesome is the LORD Most High,

**For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.**

**God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. The kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted. The LORD reigns forever; He has established his throne for judgment.**

He will judge the world in righteousness;

**He will govern the peoples with justice. The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.**

Those who know your name will trust in you,

**For you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.** Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Let us pray

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

**O God of shepherd, warrior, and prophet;**

**Creator of First Peoples, pioneer, and  
saddlebag preacher;**

**Light of immigrant, loyalist, and seeker:**

**we live with history and we love Your presence in it.**

**We trace our roots to Your creative powers.**

**We embrace one another as children of Your Spirit.**

**As we celebrate our history today, help us remember all of it:  
that which makes us proud**

**and that which makes us ashamed;**

**that which reveals our closeness to Your Word**

**and that which reveals our distance.**

**Remind us of Your constant presence:**

**forgiving, restoring, recreating, and making all things new.**

**Hear us, Redeemer God, as we dwell for a moment in Your goodness. In Jesus Name, Amen.**

*(Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.)*

**\*HYMN: "O Canada"**

TIME OF REFLECTION (based on Isaiah 2:4,5)

**Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall.**

**Help us to repent our country's wrong,  
and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.**

**Great God, renew this nation.**

**Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth,  
where death and violence and hunger will be no more,  
and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.  
Great God, renew this nation.**

**Teach us peace,  
that we may plow up battlefields  
and pound weapons into building tools,  
and learn to talk across old boundaries  
as brothers and sisters in your love.  
Great God, renew this nation.**

**Talk sense to us,  
so that we may wisely end all prejudices,  
and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty,  
which divides or wounds the human family.  
Great God, renew this nation.**

**Draw us together as one people who do your will,  
so that we may be a light to our nation,  
leading the way to your promised kingdom,  
which is even now coming among us.  
Great God, renew this nation.**

**Great God, eternal Lord,  
show us there is no law or liberty apart from you;  
and let us serve you whole-heartedly, as your devoted followers,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**RESPONSIVE READING: VU pg. 790 "Psalm 72"**

*READER: Sheila Laundry*

**SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 32:10-12; Romans 8:26-28, 35-39**

<sup>10</sup> In a desert land he found him,  
in a barren and howling waste.  
He shielded him and cared for him;  
he guarded him as the apple of his eye,  
<sup>11</sup> like an eagle that stirs up its nest  
and hovers over its young,  
that spreads its wings to catch them  
and carries them aloft.  
<sup>12</sup> The LORD alone led him;  
no foreign god was with him.

Romans 8:26-28, 35-39:

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.  
<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>u</sup> have been called according to his purpose.  
<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:  
"For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."  
<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>u</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 651: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

**MESSAGE: Who Ya Gonna Run to?**

**CLOSING HYMN VU 418: "Go Forth For God"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING CHORUS: MORE VOICES UNITED Pg. 214**

**"May God's Sheltering Wings"**

**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**

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

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**When reviewing the 2025 Grapevine you will observe the financial comments do not align with the statement which was included in the publication. The comments were based on the April 30th month end statement whereas the statement included in the Grapevine was an interim statement as of the date the publication was dispatched. Should anyone have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thank you. Jim Bradley**

## **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!*

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

June 29, 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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