

**BULLETIN NOTATIONS**

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

*"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had  
and dealing with fears you didn't know existed."*

***Linda Wooten***

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**INTROIT: HWC 13 (refrain)**

**Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me  
bless His holy Name.**

**He has done great things. He has done great things.**

**He has done great things. Bless His holy Name.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

I was glad when they said to me,

**let us go into the house of the Lord.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness.

**Let us go through them and we will praise the Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

**My heart rejoices to be in God's House.**

Let us worship.

**Let us pray.**

**OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)**

**Father God, be present among us this morning as we gather in  
Your House to worship You. We are here to honour mothers and  
the women in our lives who have nurtured and cared for us in so  
many ways. You too have gathered us under your wings as a**

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**mother hen covers her chicks to protect and comfort us. We come  
in gratitude and humility in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE VU 226: "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

On this special day set aside to honour mothers, we ask for a special touch from the Lord for each and every one of them. May each woman in this place who has fulfilled a mother-role be granted a special blessing, and may all of the work of her hands not be forgotten in Your sight. Let her example to children be a guiding force in their lives.

**RESPONSIVE READING HWC 534: "She Will Be Called Blessed"**

*Lay Reader: Trudy Pickersgill*

*(from Proverbs 31)*

Leader (spoken):

Her strength and her dignity clothe her with beauty;  
in works of her hands she excels.

A heart of compassion she turns to the needy;  
in service to others, she gives of herself.

**Sung Refrain:**

**She will be called blessed**

**By her sons and her daughters;**

**Precious to the Father are those who seek His ways.**

**She will be called blessed,**

**Held above every other;**

**Blessed is the mother who turns to God in praise.**

Leader (spoken):

She rises each morning to see to her household;  
she looks to the future with joy.

She teaches her children true lessons of kindness;  
and shares with them wisdom the world can't destroy.

**Sung Refrain**

FIRST READING: 2 Timothy 1: 1-8

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God.

SECOND READING: Acts 16: 13-15

On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Shepherd of My Life" – *J. Martin*

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 642: "Be Thou My Vision"**

MESSAGE: Celebrating Women in the Bible

**\*CLOSING HYMN VU 337: "Blessed Assurance"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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***Following the Postlude the women are invited to pause  
for an anointing and a carnation on your way out.***

The oil represents the strengthening of the Holy Spirit for your continuing service to Christ, your family and your church.

The oil is infused with Frankincense which stands for holiness and righteousness.

**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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bible Study will resume with a look at James on May 18th from 11-12pm in the Friendship Room.**

**THE BOOK CLUB'S BOOK:** to be reviewed on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. is Mrs. Van Gough by Caroline Cauchi. This is our last discussion until Sept. so we will be choosing the books for the summer and next year.

**UCW AUCTION:** Will be held at their meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. For anyone who can participate, please donate items for the auction to help make it a success!

**FONTHILL SCOUTING:** Dear Friends of 3<sup>rd</sup> Fonthill Scouting, once again we are selling Spring Geraniums. **Orders are due May 8<sup>th</sup> Pick-up** is North Pelham Youth Hall **on May 14** (delivery available). Thank-you for considering supporting our Youth! Proceeds assist 3<sup>rd</sup> Fonthill Scouting in providing programming opportunities for our youth in the areas of: Environment and Outdoors; Leadership; Citizenship; Active and Healthy Living; Creative Expression; and, Belief and Values.  
Go to:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/3rdfonthillgeraniums2025>  
Thank you, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fonthill Scouting. Call Rich Miller for anyone needing help to place an order or for pick up.

**SPRING MARKET ON CANBORO:** Please join us on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-1pm at Pelham Community Church located at: 461 Canboro Rd, Fenwick, for a BBQ, Baking, Crafters, Books, Puzzles and New to You tables.

**The Outreach and Membership committee are planning a dinner in June when the lower hall is available. Date to be announced!**

#### **UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

May 18 – 9:30 am Sunday Service

May 25 – 9:30 am Sunday Service

Jun 1 – 9:30 am Sunday Service

#### **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 May 12	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday May 13	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	2:00 pm	Games & Social
Wednesday May 14	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:00 pm	UCW Meeting
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
Thursday May 15	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday May 16	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	5:00 pm	Garden Club – Set-up Plant Sale
Saturday May 17	11:00 am	Music Lessons
	8:00 am	Garden Club Plant & Bake Sale
Sunday May 18	9:30 am	Sunday Service

## Fonthill United Church

May 11, 2025 – Mother'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.

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