

Fenwick and Fonthill United Churches  
Joint Summer Services

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GATHERING HYMN VU 342: "You Servants of God"

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(responsively)*

Hear, all who are hiding from the Holy One;

God is calling us; God has called us together.

**O give thanks to God, for God is good;**

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God is eager to put loving arms around us.

God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

**God fills the hungry with good things.**

**Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

Set your minds on things that are above.

Know that in Christ you belong to God.

**God gives us a new identity, a new life.**

**We seek to renew the image of God in us.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**GATHERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**Holy One, you see us for just who we are,**

**and yet you love us with a parent's love.**

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**In your enduring love for us,**

**we see both our guilt and your forgiveness.**

**Gracious God,**

**guide us and teach us to walk in your ways.**

**We trust that you have our best interests at heart.**

**As we hear the reading of your Word,**

**remind us that we have been raised with Christ,**

**and inspire us to seek the things that are above,**

**through the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**and in Jesus Christ who taught us to pray as we say...**

**Our Father...**

WE LISTEN

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 49 - VU pg. 774** *READER: Julie Looby*

**FIRST LESSON:** Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, and 2: 18-23 *READER: Julie Looby*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to

seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is

an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with.

I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity

and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I

must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be

wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used

my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave

my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the

sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and

knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did

not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get

from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all

their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night

their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**HYMN VU pg. 766:** “As the Deer Pants for the Water” - *seated*

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12: 13-21 *READER: Rev Garry van Bruchem*

Someone in the crowd said to *Jesus*, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

### **WE RESPOND**

**\*HYMN VU 356:** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**\*SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 542

**We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** *(in unison)*

**Loving and generous God,  
you provide for us  
and bless us in more ways than we can count.**

**We give these offerings  
to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love  
so that those who do not yet know you  
may also come to your love. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER:** VU 374 vs. 1

**Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.**

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

### **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN VU 651:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*3-FOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE

**FOLLOWING THE SERVICE TODAY,**  
we invite everyone downstairs  
for refreshments and fellowship.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS, RESPONSIVE PSALMS,  
AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**  
are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME** and thank John Krutschke for leading us in musical worship this month.

**WE WELCOME** the Fonthill and Fenwick United Church congregations to our joint summer worship service. All the services in August will be in Fonthill at 10:00 am.

**THE FENWICK COMMUNICATOR:** We are planning to send out a Fall Communicator during the last week of August. If anyone has an article or notice to be included, please send it to the church office by Monday August 18.

**FONTHILL NEWS:** For information purposes, we wish to advise that a standard construction bin will be placed on the paved roadway at the east end of the church property while renovations are taking place in the Board and Friendship Rooms. This location was deemed the most appropriate when considering the distance old drywall and other materials being removed had to be carried. The bin will be removed as soon as work is completed. - *Thanks, Jim Bradley*

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