

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

VU-Voices United Hymn Book | **MV**-More Voices Hymn Book
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When our first parents were driven out of Paradise, Adam is believed to have remarked to Eve , 'My dear, we live in an age of transition.'" William Ralph Inge

We welcome Marcela who is sharing her musical gifts with us this morning.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We warmly welcome and introduce our new student minister Rowena Hetherington-Wilson as she and Gordon share the pulpit this morning.

Introduction of our new student minister.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

May the Christ Candle we light symbolize our desire to bring light into a world of darkness and hope into a world of despair in Jesus Name. Amen.

INTROIT: HWC 74 "Majesty"

**Majesty, worship His Majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise!
Majesty, Kingdom Authority,
Flow from His throne, unto His own
His anthem raise!
So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus!
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings!**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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 in to the House of the Lord

The Lord reigns.

He is clothed in majesty

For great is the Lord

And greatly to be praised

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving

For the Lord is a great God and worthy to be praised

Let us worship **Let us pray**

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Holy, Holy Holy Lord God Almighty, we lift our hearts before You as we come humbly into Your awesome presence. You are our Gracious Father who loves us unconditionally. You are the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts anew with hope and the power to overcome. We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and expectation as we gather in the strong Name of Jesus the Christ, Our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** VU 238 "How Great Thou Art"

TIME OF REFLECTION *(sung)*

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Psalm 139:23

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

Silent Reflection

**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.
Christ calls to us with forgiveness and pardon.**

We accept that gift with grace and hope.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSIVE READING: VU PG. 873 "Psalm 149"

Lay Reader: Trudy Pickersgill

SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:5-9

⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

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

Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Cello

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 652 "Be Still, My Soul"

MESSAGE: God Among Us: Roots of Courage in Change

CLOSING HYMN: VU 639 "One More Step"

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING CHORUS: MORE VOICES UNITED Pg. 214

"May God's Sheltering Wings"

May God's sheltering wings, his gathering wings protect you. May God's nurturing arms, his cradling arms sustain you, and hold you in his love, and hold you in his love.

POSTLUDE

***Wendy and I can't thank you enough for the wonderful lunch,
generous gift and giant card. It was a happy and humbling time for
us to have served in ministry with you these past two challenging
years. You are a gracious and generous congregation truly
committed to being Church in Fonhill. We wish God's richest
blessing as you move ahead confidently in partnership with Rowena
discerning God's Will, God's Way in God's Time.***

Grace and Peace to you, Gordon and Wendy

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 Lower Hall 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 31 - 10am Walking Group & 4pm Parking lot usage by the Town
Aug 3 - 10 am Worship Service at Fonthill United
with Fenwick United leading
Aug 10 – 10 am Worship Service at Fonthill United
with Fenwick United leading
Aug 17 – 10 am Worship Service at Fonthill United
with Fenwick United leading

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With less activity in the building over the summer months we would appreciate if those using the building be guided by the following:

- Lock all doors you open.
- Unlock the automatic door if using the front door.
- Turn off lights and ensure all windows are closed.
- If you call a meeting make sure all furniture is put back in place.
- If you use the kitchen make sure all taps, stove etc are off.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

The Property Committee.

THE WALKING GROUP: Calling all people! Come walk with us on Thursdays at 10am at the Steve Bauer Trail on Pt. Robinson Rd. (down from Glynn A Green School). In inclement weather join us at the Meridian Centre. To be followed at 10:45am at McDonald's for a coffee and conversation. If you can't come for the walk, come for the talk! We look forward to seeing you there!

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.
- 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

July 27, 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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