

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN:** MV 28 “God of the Bible”

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain: (repeat 2 times)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow’r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather here this morning
seeking to ground our lives in your love.

We gather here this morning
knowing that you sustain all life on earth.

We gather here this morning
to praise and worship God, the Creator.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy One, Creator of all that is good, may our hearts and minds be open today to your presence. May we thankfully acknowledge that you are pure goodness and strength for all Creation. You bring order out of chaos, gentleness and kindness in times of trouble, comfort to all who feel unlovable, and joy to those whose hearts are broken. You travel with us all our days and welcome us to journey with you. You, the One who designed us as we are, promise you will never leave us. May you open our minds and hearts in worship today. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace”

~ D. Lantz III

WE LISTEN

READING: Luke 15:1-10

Lay Reader: Stephen Bronn

SCRIPTURE:

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says,

‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN: VU 626** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

MESSAGE: “What is really lost?”

We Respond

***HYMN: VU 271** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Here is the work of our hands.

Here is the work of our hearts.

Here is the love of our hearts.

Here is our desire to make a better world.

**Bless our offering and send your spirit upon it so that our gifts may
join the gifts of all your church to help your kingdom come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: VU pg. 959 (*sung*)

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 glory are yours,

Now and forever.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN: MV 154** “Deep in Our Hearts”

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

<p>LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.</p>
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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

Sept 21 – 9:30 am Worship Service
Sept 28 – 9:30 am Worship Service
Oct 5 – 9:30 am Worship with Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A recent article in the Toronto Star suggested various ways donors might consider to make annual, or additional one-time contributions to organizations they may support. We have mentioned the "gifting of shares" previously but I thought this was a good recap of how it works and decided to pass it on as an FYI:

"One of the most powerful strategies for charitable giving is to donate securities – It works like this: instead of selling appreciated publicly traded securities and then donating the cash, you can donate these securities directly to a charity. This approach allows you to avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation of the securities, while simultaneously receiving a tax receipt for the full fair market value of the donated assets. This is a win-win scenario that amplifies your impact and reduces your tax burden."

There was another financial question in the same article and while I believe it is self explanatory, I thought I would include it simply as an FYI: **"Using your RRIF money for donations** – You can't donate directly from a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) in Canada. However, if you withdraw funds from your RRIF, report the income,

and then donate that amount (or less), you may receive a charitable tax credit that helps offset the tax payable on the withdrawal. While this doesn't eliminate tax at source, it can reduce your overall tax bill depending on your income and donation size. In this way, a taxable withdrawal can be transformed into a philanthropic act with meaningful tax relief." ~ Thanks, Jim Bradley.

GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON: Commencing Tuesday, Oct 7th (and weekly afterwards) at 2pm in the Friendship room. Come out and join the fun!

BOOK CLUB: meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Friendship Room at the church. The September meeting is Thursday, September 25 at 1:30 pm. We are reading "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. October's book is "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell, October 23 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome!

OCTOBER 5 – LUNCH AFTER CHURCH. The Outreach Committee will be hosting a luncheon after Church to continue with the theme of Breaking Bread Together on World Communion Sunday. Please join us for soup, bread, pie, tea, coffee, and friendship.

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



THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Sept 15	8:00 am	Montessori School
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Sept 16	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Magie Club
Wednesday Sept 17	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
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Thursday Sept 18	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Friday Sept 19	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
Saturday Sept 20	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Sept 21	9:30 am	Sunday Service

Fonthill United Church

September 14, 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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