

ORDER OF SERVICE

CLEBRATING MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Please Stand Where Able

MUSICAL PRELUDE

BIBLE OPENING

WELCOME & CELEBRATIONS

TIME OF PREPARATION & GROUNDING

GREETING

God is good,
All the time.
All the time,
God is good.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We gather in the presence of the One
who abandons no one.

**Come Holy Spirit, our advocate
and comforter.**

All are welcome in this sacred place,
made holy through your presence with us.

**Open our hearts and minds this day,
guide us into a loving relationship with
all your children.**

We gather as God's beloved people,
leaving no one outside.

**Spark in us a word of life and
radical belonging— a message that we
share with others as we seek to live out
Christ's love.**

We call on the name of God, who
creates, redeems, and sustains us.

Come let us worship!

***HYMN VU #703** “*In The Bulb There is a Flower*”

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

God of love, as we celebrate Mental Health Sunday,
stir in us deep compassion this morning.

Stir your Spirit in and among us
as we offer our prayers and praises.

We long to hear more than the groaning of
Creation around us, more than our own fearful
groaning.

From the places deep within us, that we
mistakenly believe are hidden from you,
may your Spirit intercede for us.

Draw us into your presence.

May we recognize you in ourselves and in our
neighbours.

Let us see you through all brokenness that we may
find wholeness in being your body here and now.

In the name of the One who fills the
world with Hope. Amen.

(Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe, based on Romans 8)

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE HEAR THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“*When God Cries*” *Desmond Tutu*

*Dedication of the Proceeds from the Lenten Coin
Challenge for Lambton Mental Wellness Centre*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1: 1-11

Luke 24: 44-53

Response: **Thanks Be To God**

REFLECTION “*WE ARE NOT ALONE*”

***HYMN VU #600** vs 1, 2, 4, 5

“When I Needed a Neighbour You Were There”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INVITATION to Generosity

*We have a “Giving Station” at each Entrance
and one plate that will remain at the back entrance
throughout the service.*

***Please Stand for the Offering Hymn while the
Offering is brought forward**

Sung Response “*What Can I Do?*” (2 times)

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Teach us, God, to offer
the very best of who we are
in the service of your will
through the mission of this church:
may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation
in the world so much in need.
Receive what we give for
the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer..... AMEN

*HYMN # VU#658

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

(responsive)

The One who created all that is,
calls us by name and invites us into a life of
abundant Love.

**We go out into the world as God's
beloved people, bringing Holy Love to all
whom we meet.**

Jesus taught us to love one another as
fiercely and freely as God loves each of us,
with the power that binds us together as the
Body of Christ.

**We will embody Christ by shattering
stigma and welcoming all, leaving no
one outside.**

The Spirit fills us with the Breath of Life
and urges us to imagine anew how to be
Church in the world today.

**We will breathe deeply and move
beyond what has been and what is. We
will follow the Spirit and bring hope and
healing to all who live in despair and
brokenness. We will be the Church!**

(Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe)

* SUNG BLESSING MV #92 (vs 1 only)

"Like A Rock"

Organist will play through once
Sing Together 2 times through

*Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in
God evermore.*

POSTLUDE

*Pastor Roxanne will not be in the Church Office this
week. Should you have an urgent matter, please contact
Pastor Roxanne at 519-280-7744*

UP-COMING

*UCW meet – Thursday, May 9th at 1:00 PM
All Women Welcome*

*Men's Breakfast group Meet Wednesday, May 15th at
10:00 AM at John's Restaurant - All Men Welcome*

*Moore Museum's "Victorian Tea"
Sunday, May 19th 1 – 4*

For Announcements, More details on the back table

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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