WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

Sunday, January 26th, 2025

PRELUDE
WELCOME
CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(* Please stand in body or spirit as able)

(remain seated)

GREETING

God is good

All the time

All the time.

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, all who long to witness God's glory open hearts and minds.

Come, all who yearn for a change.

Come, all who are praying for a miracle.

Come, all who require forgiveness or understanding.

Come, all who feel displaced or forgotten.

Come, all who desire to Praise.

Come, let us worship in this place where God dwells and all are worthy of blessing.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

(Based on Psalm 19)

Holy One, draw us into Your Spirit.
Revive our love for You, and set our souls rejoicing. Enlighten our eyes, so we may leave this place as Your witnesses.
Accept the words and meditations we lay out in this place, O rock and redeemer. In Jesus 'name, Amen.

*HYMN: VU#371

"Open My Eyes, That I Might See"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE HEAR THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 4: 14-21 1 Corinthians 12: 12-18

REFLECTION

"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us Today"

* **HYMN** VU #368 verses 1, 2, 5, 6 "Holy Spirit, Truth Devine"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING INVITATION *Please Stand for the Offering Hymn

VU #540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace" 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 (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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer Amen

* **HYMN** MV #**79** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony hear with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. (*Refrain*)

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed may my living bring you glory. (*Refrain*)

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. (*Refrain*)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION *SUNG BLESSING:

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there gentle as a dove.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE ****

A little reminder of our "Precious Prayer" box at the front entrance. Feel free to drop in a little note if there is someone you wish Pastor Roxanne to pray for.

"London Road West United Church is a welcoming congregation celebrating God's presence through worship, music, spiritual enrichment and outreach."

"Be with us: Celebrate GOD!"

TODAY

We invite everyone to stay following our service and enjoy "Session's Sandwiches, Squares & Fruit" Don't worry if you didn't bring anything, as there will be plenty for everyone.

Lambton Centre Annual General Meeting Agenda St. Luke's United Church

Lunch at 12:15, Meeting starts at 1:00

- Committee Highlights from 2024 due for the Annual Meeting Agenda
- If you have a student in your family attending post secondary education, College or University, please give us their name and address. Session will be sending out a Valentine's card and a small gift card. It is a busy time for students and this is a small remembrance from our church. List is on the back table.
- We are looking for people to do *Junior Congregation* one month at a time. If interested please speak with Sandra Purves 519-54-9615

Thursday, February 20th, 7:00 PM
- GAMES NIGHT - Everyone Welcome

Here at the Church

Bring games you would like to share with other

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Let's come together for some fun.

LONDON ROAD WEST UNITED CHURCH

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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