



## DOWNTOWN UNITED

August 20, 2017

Rev. Richard Bowley and Rev. Ellen Beairsto

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Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

At the points marked \* - those who are able are invited to stand.

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

#### Organ Prelude:

#### Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle & Introit:** Lord, Prepare Me MV #18

#### Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Hymn:** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU #574

#### Call to Worship:

People of God, come with a spirit of joy!

**We come to worship God**

**with hearts and hands and voices.**

People of God, come with a spirit open to mystery!

**We come to worship God**

**Trembling, filled with awe and wonder.**

People of God, come with humility and simplicity!

**We come to worship God**

**Deeply aware that we long to be more.**

**Let us worship God, be filled with God,**

**be changed by God. Amen.**

Kate Crawford, Huron Shores, U.C., ON



## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Music

**\*Offertory Verse:**

VU #543

**We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O God, from thee.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

### Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

VU #959

**\* Closing Hymn:** Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

MV #173

## Sending Forth

### Commissioning & Benediction:

May the God of Hope – (verse 1)

VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

### Postlude:

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If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

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**WELCOME** to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. A special welcome to our friends from St. Paul's as we come together as Downtown United. We are certainly looking forward to the coming weeks. Everyone is invited to join us for **ICED TEA & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's service of worship. Thank you to ***Lois Champion*** for hosting this time of fellowship.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Gordon Drain will be held at Wilmot United Church on Sunday afternoon, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017**

***"MAKER FUN FACTORY – CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE"***

***St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program.***

***When: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30***

***Where: Wilmot United Church***

***Ages: Age 4 and up***

***\*\*\* We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go....SO... Mark your calendars!***

**WEDNESDAY AT WILMOT:** Old Mother Hubbard says *"The Cupboards are Bare!"* W@W will be starting again on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We have no supplies for the Top-Up table and funds for Victory vouchers are very low. The first Sunday of September is Benevolent Sunday. If you are able to donate to Benevolent or bring in food for the Top-Up table it would be greatly appreciated. We hope to be able to provide food and vouchers to 75 of our Wednesday friends as they have received no help in this regard for the past three months. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Also, we are looking for volunteers to join one of our four teams. If you have three to four hours to spare one Wednesday a month and are interested in joining one of our teams please contact Rita Roach at 206-2948 or Beth Paynter at 451-5082. Thank you for your continued support.

**“WELCOME SUNDAY”** is September 10. Chairs of Committees are encouraged to start thinking about setting up an information display for that day. Thank you.

**AUG. 20<sup>th</sup>: Blueberry Supper:** St. Andrews United Church in Harvey is hosting a Blueberry Supper on Sunday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Menu: Old fashioned baked ham, baked beans, baked potatoes, coleslaw, brown bread & roll and blueberry desserts. Adults - \$12. Children under 12 - \$5

**AUG. 27<sup>th</sup>:** A summer concert on **Sunday evening, August 27th, 7:00 pm**, Saint Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, will feature Maple Syrup, a quartet singing in barbershop style presenting music ranging from traditional barbershop favourites to more upbeat “modern” tunes, hymns and spirituals – all sung in barbershop harmonies. Please join us for a delightful evening of music with reception to follow in Church Hall. Admittance by free will offering at the door.

**GRIEFSHARE:** Beginning Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer ***Grief Share***, a 13-week video series by Christian experts on grief and recovery, combined with support group discussions for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Please call **458-8348** if you would like more information.

**DIVORCECARE** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. beginning Sept 12 and running for 13 weeks. Cost is \$25 and scholarships are available upon request.

**GRIEFSHARE** will be held at Grace memorial Baptist Church on Mondays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning Sept 18 and running for 13 weeks. Cost is \$25 and scholarships are available upon request.

