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Welcome to Worship

It is a blessing to celebrate God's presence together.

We are in different places, and maybe doing this at different times. Still, the Holy Spirit is joining us together now. And not just us. God unites us in the global and timeless community of Jesus' people.

We also welcome you if you are new to worshipping with our congregations. We're happy you are joining us. We hope it is a blessing to you.

This booklet has all the information you need. Simply make your way through it on your own.

If you're joining in our online worship (by your computer or your phone) follow along. If you're able to watch online, all the words will be shown on your screen for you to see, if that's easier for you. (There's info about how to join online on the next page.)

Speaking of Singing

If you're sharing in the online worship the music will be playing and you can join in. Your computer microphone is muted, so you don't need to worry about others hearing you. Or, you can simply enjoy listening to the music.

This is new to us!

We're still learning how to do it. If you have questions or suggestions, send them to: ministerelorauc@wightman.ca.

Joining Worship Online

We're using Zoom for our worship times. It is an online tool that allows us to share in the experience together.

- You can participate as much or as little as you want.
- You will be able to control whether or not your picture is seen by others.
- You can access Zoom by computer.
- Or, you can phone in to hear the services live.
- For login information and password, or to get the phone number, please contact the church office: elorabethanyuc@wightman.ca

We live and worship on the traditional territories of the Attawandaron, Wyandot, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. We are people of the "Between the Lakes" treaty and Haldemand land grant. Grateful for their stewardship of this land, we humbly seek to live together in pursuit of justice and right relations.

Today's Worship

God Gathers Us with Grace

Coming together is God's gift. Give thanks!

Gathering Music *Shane & Shane*

Welcome and Announcements

Silence

Invitation to Worship (from Deuteronomy 33:21)

The Lord's beloved rest in safety.

The High God surrounds them all day long.

The beloved rest between God's shoulders.

Surely God is in this place!

Help me notice. Help us notice together!

Prayer

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
and all desires known,
and no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.

Words: Translated from the Latin by Thomas Cranmer

Music: Steve Bell, used with permission
www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxhKDshyl_Q

Song: As the Deer Pants for the Water (VU 766)

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything!

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace

God Feeds Us with God's Word

Listen to what God has done and is doing!

God's Word in Scripture: Deuteronomy 6.4-8

God's Word in Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8 (responsive)

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you.

My flesh faints for you,
**as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live.
**I will lift up my hands
and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

Continues

On my bed I think of you,
**and meditate on you
in the watches of the night.**

For you have been my help,
**and in the shadow of your wings
I sing for joy.**

My soul clings to you.
Your right hand upholds me.
New Revised Standard Version (alt)

Reflection on God's Word: Between God's Shoulders

Music: My Soul is Thirsting by Steve Angrisano
Sung by Khrisha J Blackwell:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoMNiEJknNQ

We Respond in Hope

Offer your prayers and gifts in response to God's grace.

Prayers of Hope

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

In Our Church Family

The Gift of Our Offering

God Sends Us in Love

God is sending you! You are on a mission! Go well.

Song: Bless Now, O God, the Journey (VU 633)

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.

We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise
where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

Words: Sylvia Dunston, 1989

Music: Basil Harwood, 1898

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Sent to be With and For the World

Wherever you go, surely God will be in that place.

Help me notice. Help us notice together.

Blessing

Music: We Are Not Alone, God is With Us

Performed by East End United Regional Ministry

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wvtawnpz3w

Conversation Time

Sunday News

What About our Building?

We will not be gathering for in-person activities in our church buildings, at least for September.

The leadership boards of both Elora and Bethany UCs decided to continue our current practices. Board members listened carefully to the views of our congregations. We share in the grief that we are not able to be together as we should be. We also heard deep concern that we be cautious and careful. Most are still reluctant to gather for in-person worship, and we think this is wise. We'll continue to listen and discern next steps every time we meet.

We are working on plans so that when we return to our sanctuaries for worship, we'll be able to do so safely.

Front Lawn Morning Breaks

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am

246 North Queen Street

Up to 10 people, physically distanced. RSVP with Bonnie Young (519-846-6633). Bring your own refreshments and lawn chair

The next 3 groups will be online using Zoom. You will need to register. Email Greg: ministerelorauc@wightman.ca

Following Jesus with Matthew

Friday evenings 9-10 pm

We'll be reading from Matthew's gospel of Jesus, talking about it together, and finishing with prayer. Beginners are welcome. No Bible experience needed.

Faith, Grief & COVID-19

Thursday evenings 7-830 pm Sep 24, Oct 1, 8, 15

Many of us have lost jobs, financial security, health, communal connections, and the opportunity to gather and celebrate significant milestones such as graduations, weddings, births, and anniversaries. In addition, we are reminded daily of the lives lost to the virus.

These losses raise larger questions for us as Christians. How do we understand and process grief as people of faith? How can we support vulnerable and grieving members of our community while practicing physical distancing? Where can we find hope and joy in this season?

Over the course of 4 sessions, we will gather virtually, watch a film featuring insights from a panel of experts, and engage in discussion questions, reflection, and prayer.

So You Want to Talk about Race?

A book by Ijeoma Oluo

Thursday evenings 7-830 pm Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12

Ijeoma Oluo writes from her experience. She talks about tough questions. Her style is easy-to-understand, but the things she asks us to think and talk about are hard.

It's a crucial conversation. Let's read and learn together.

What's required? A willingness to read the book, accept being challenged, share in awkward conversations, make mistakes, and be gracious with each other.

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