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** Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.*

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August 19, 2018

Proper 15

ORDER OF SERVICE

WE GATHER

Silent Prayer and Preparation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn 415** – *God, We Praise You for the Morning*

* Opening Words: *(responsive)*

God is gracious, merciful and trustworthy.
So let us join our voices in giving thanks.

The works of God are all around us.

Those who share in God’s work lack for nothing.

We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.
As people of the covenant, we gather to please God.

Holy and awesome is our God.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

We worship as wise and faithful people.

**We gather as a community of seekers,
reaching out to the God who cares for us.**

Let us worship God.

(Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Approach: *(in unison)*

**God of steadfast love,
your works delight our hearts
and your ways expand our thoughts.
Your grace and mercy draw us together
to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds.
Dwell among us today,
and reign within the lives of each one gathered here,
helping us to grow in discernment and understanding.**

**Grant us wisdom and courage
that we may walk in your ways
and be true to our faith in you,
for we pray in Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray as we sing ...**

The Prayer of Jesus: *VU 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 the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Solo: *“Tell Me, Lovely Shepherd”* - W. Boyce
Soloist: John Donald

Two Requested Hymns

(As chosen by the congregation, the first one seated and the second one standing.)

WE LISTEN

Bible Readings:

Responsive Psalm 9 - VU pg. 732 - *Sheila Laundry*
1 Samuel 18:1-5, 23:15-18 and 2 Samuel 1:17-27

Sermon: “The Bible’s Lesser Knowns: Jonathan”

WE GIVE THANKS

* **Hymn 664** – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

The Offering

* Offertory Response: *VU 538*

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

* Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

**Your generosity, O God,
is beyond our deserving.
You grant health to our bodies and minds.
You surround us with vast resources
and with people who love us.
You allow us to make decisions
about the use of our time and possessions.
We thank you for this opportunity
to share with others some of what we have received.
Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

Choral Response: *MV 85 (repeat)*

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

WE GO FORTH

* **Closing Hymn 567** – *Will You Come and Follow Me*

* Benediction

* Choral Blessing: *MV 224*

**May the God of Peace and of all good,
may the God of Peace and of all good,
be always with you. Amen!
May God's peace be with you. Amen!**

Postlude

(The congregation is invited to stay and listen to the postlude.)



*Past sermons are available in print or by email
from the church office.*

WELCOME

We welcome all who worship with us today, but especially our guests. We would like to have a chance to meet our visitors. Please sign the guest book at the main entrance doors and introduce yourself to the greeter in the foyer or to the minister. After worship, the congregation visits over refreshments in the lower hall and we hope you will join us.

If you would like the minister to call on you, please contact the church office (905 892-6433); the church office is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Assisted Hearing Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary for improved sound. Please feel free to ask an usher for a headset. As well, large print copies of the hymns are available at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to use them during the service.

Ushers: Ron and Marleene Kretchman
Counters: Fran Dennis and Dora Drennan

Announcements

We welcome the Fenwick United Church congregation to joint worship for August and on September 2. All services will begin at 10:00 am. Offerings made with your church envelopes will be allocated to your home church.

Pastoral Care – Rev. Garry van Bruchem will be available for pastoral concerns for the Fonthill and Fenwick congregations through the Fonthill church office at 905 892-6433.

The fall issue of *The Grapevine* will be mailed out on August 30. Please send any submissions for the newsletter to the church office by August 22. Thank you.

The Fenwick fall *Communicator* will be going out towards the end of August. If anyone has an article to be included, please send it to the church office by August 22. We would love to hear some stories of what you were doing over the summer, as well as any upcoming church events planned for the fall.

Christmas House Tour – Planning is underway for the “*Homes for the Holidays*” Christmas house tour scheduled for November 17. The committee is looking for homes. If you are willing to offer your home or know of someone who would like to participate, please contact Carolyn van der Sluis or Virginia Haun.

This Week in Prayer

Morning:

I praise you, Lord, and give you thanks for the gift of this new day.
Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Let your songs fill my heart.
Give me a wise and discerning mind to walk in your way,
making the most of the time as I go out among your people. Amen.

Evening:

Gracious and merciful God,
I have gone out and come in today seeking to do your will,
yet there is so much that I do not understand or discern.
I commit to you my questions, concerns, and anxieties.
Grant me peaceful sleep
as I rest in your wisdom and steadfast love. Amen.

Our Prayers for Others:

All those in the Fonthill and Fenwick congregations
in need of prayer ...
and the congregation of Walkerton United Church
in Bruce Presbytery
on the Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle.

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