

**The United Church of Canada:  
Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge  
Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest United – 11 a.m.  
Worship Leader- Karon Falk**

**GREETING AND GATHERING**

*The Lord be with you... **And also with you***

*Announcements*

*Passing of the Peace (MFUC)*

*All are invited to pass the peace from their spot,  
offering a sign of peace to your neighbours*

*We prepare our hearts and minds for worship  
with the lighting of the Christ candle.*

\* Introit: VU #400, "Lord, listen to Your Children Praying"

\* Call to Worship; Come people of God!

**We come, called by God to be witnesses to the Light, with John the Baptist, with all the disciples, with our sisters and brothers and siblings throughout the ages. We gather in God's presence to praise, to pray, to sing, to worship our Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! +**

Opening Prayer; Creator, Almighty God of all ages forever and ever:  
**We recognize your Son our Saviour was born of a Hebrew mother. He rejoiced in the faith of a Syrian woman and of a Roman soldier. He welcomed the Greeks who sought him, and suffered a man from Africa to carry his cross. Teach us to follow his lead, to regard members of all races and cultures as heirs of the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. With your gracious gift of continuing new wisdom we pray. Amen.**

Acknowledging the Territory

\* Hymn: VU #710, "Shall We Gather at the River"

Conversation Time: 'Fishing'

Ministry of Music: "Praise Band Numbers"

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

\* Responsive Reading: Psalm 27: 1-14, VU 754-755  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

\* Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Sermon/Reflection: "God of Light"

\* Hymn: "Huron Carol" (new words) ++

Prayers of the People, the Lord's Prayer

**SERVICE OF THE TABLE**

Invitation to the Offering for the Work and Witness of the Church

Offertory

\* Offering Hymn: VU #540, "Grant Us, God"

**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: Lord of our Light, Stronghold and Salvation; accept these our gifts of gratitude to further your trust in us as we trust in you. Let this be our bold song of joy in faithfulness. May you bless these gifts for your use. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

\* Hymn: VU #375, "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

\* Blessing and Sending Forth

\* Choral Commission VU #958, "Hale, Hale, Hale,"

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# Notes & Reflections



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