

Announcements (10:45 am)

Passing of the Peace (MFUC)

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

Praise Band

Lighting of the Christ Candle (11:00)

Children will depart for Sunday School.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

* Call to Worship

God is calling to us.

WE ARE GOD'S BELOVED CHILDREN.

"Do not fear! for I have redeemed you"

GOD LOVES AND HONOURS US

Let us return God's love with songs of joy and prayers of hope

LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD!

* Hymn: (WL) Shall We Gather at the River (710 VU)

(MF) O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word (VU 84)

Prayer of Approach (unison):

GRACIOUS GOD, AS YOUR SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON YOUR BELOVED CHILD IN THE JORDAN RIVER, KEEP US, YOUR CHILDREN, BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, FAITHFUL TO OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING: THAT WE MIGHT RESIST THE FORCES OF EVIL, LOVE WITH HOLY LOVE, AND LIVE FOR THE COMING OF YOUR TRUE COMMUNITY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, TO WHOM WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE HOLY GOD, BE HONOUR AND PRAISE, NOW AND FOREVER, AMEN.

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (unison):

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

May we walk together in their truth.

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: Water/Remembering we are God's Beloved

* Hymn: (WL) Amazing Grace (VU 266)

(MF) Out of Deep Unordered Water (VU 453)

We Respond to God's Word

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

* Offering Response: (VU 218, v 1)

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your Holy Name, glad praises we sing.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Wonder Time: One Last Gift

We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

* Hymn: (WL) When Jesus Comes to be Baptized (VU 100)

(MF) I Have Called You by Your Name (MV 161)

* Blessing and Sending Forth

* Choral Commission: VU #964 (Words on Back)

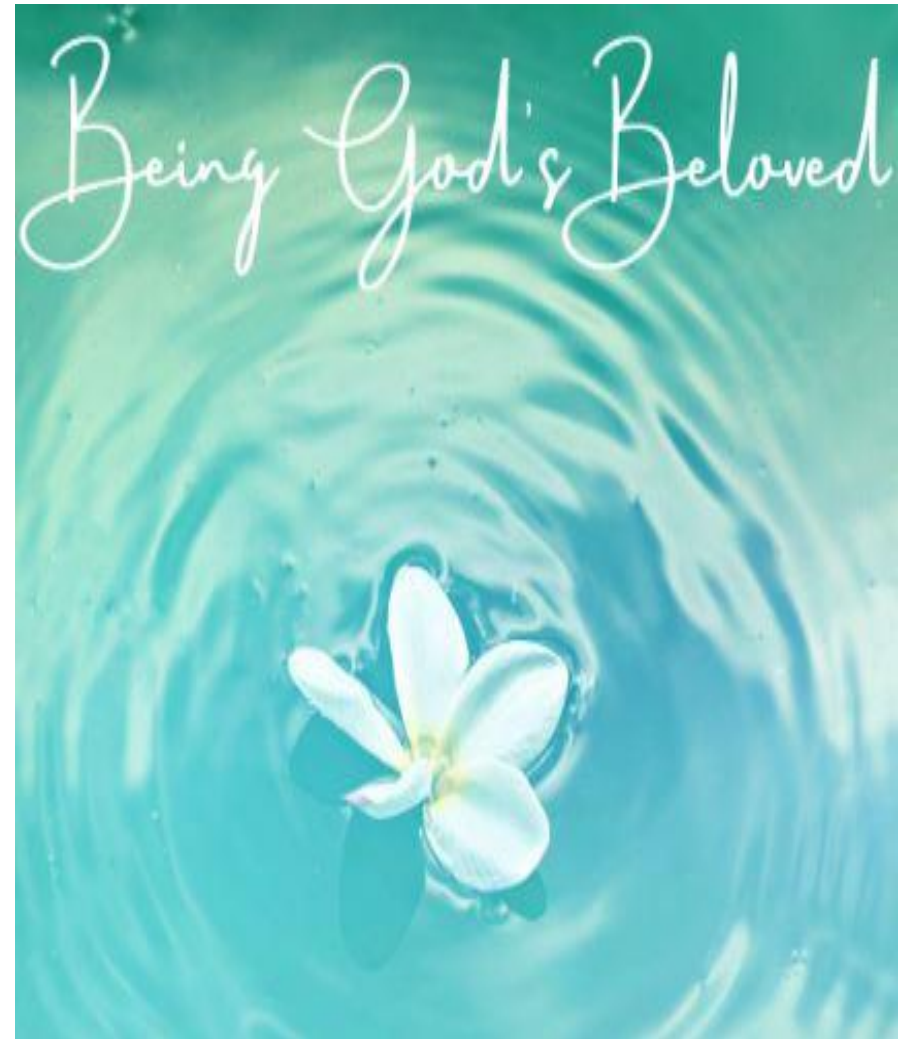
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Go now in peace...never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

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, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.



**The United Church of Canada
Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge
Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest – 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Lori Campbell**