

**The United Church of Canada:  
Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge  
Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest United – 11 a.m.  
Mount Forest & Woodland United Churches**

May God be with you: **and also with you.**

Announcements

Praise Band (MF)

Passing of the Peace

*Share in the ancient Christian practice of sharing peace & reconciliation.  
Within our sanctuary, and out into the wider world.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Eternal God, who made this most holy day  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and may it be a lamp unto our feet,  
and a light unto our path.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

\* We Prepare our Hearts:

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For God has ascended with shouts of triumph,  
and trumpet fanfare!

**Our God is exalted on high,  
Sovereign over all the nations,  
and Lord of our lives.  
Let's worship together.**

*(based on Psalm 47)*

\* Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns (VU 211)

Opening Prayer (unison):

**Gather us, O God, and draw us near to one another.  
Disarm our pride; overcome our fear of imperfection.  
Feed us, for our souls hunger.  
Illumine us, for we are in need of wisdom.  
Frolic with us, for we long to hear your laughter.  
Bless our prayer and praising, in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

**We Listen for God's Word**

\* Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine (VU 585)

Wonder Time

Prayer for Illumination: (MV 12, v 3)

***Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason.  
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream.  
Help us to open doors of understanding,  
to welcome truth and wisdom,  
come touch and bless our minds.***

Readings: Psalm 47 (VU p771, refrain 1)

Acts 1:6-14

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

**May we walk together in their truth.**

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: Why are We Standing Looking at the Sky?

\* Hymn: Will You Come & Follow Me (VU 567)

**We Respond to God's Word**

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

\* Offering Response: (MV 135)

***Called by earth & sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life, sanctified,  
called by earth & sky.***

\* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

A New Creed (VU p 918)

We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

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\* Hymn: Worship the Lord (VU 401)

\* Sending Forth

We scatter like seeds on the wind!

**Rejoicing in life that cannot be contained!**

We scatter to grow joy and hope and love:

**We will share the good news!**

For Christ is risen!

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah**

\* Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out With Joy (VU p 884)

