**First United Church**

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith, proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

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May 26, 2019 @ 10:30am

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*MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD*

*Pastoral Minister: Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori*

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*Secretary/Treasurer: Lori Hoffman*

*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

###### ORDER OF SERVICE

***Opening Prayer/Songs/Choruses***

1. MV#8 “And On This Path” (2x)

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide.**

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**Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!**

1. **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.** (3x)
2. “That’s Why We Praise Him” (Chorus only)

**That’s why we praise him, that’s why we sing**

**That’s why we offer him our everything**

**That’s why we bow down, and worship this King**

**‘Cause He gave His everything**

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***Call to Worship:*** Responsive Psalm 119:105-112

One: Your word is a lamp for my feet,

**All: a light on my path.**

One: I have taken an oath and confirmed it,  
**All: that I will follow your righteous laws.**  
One: I have suffered much;  
**All: preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.**  
One: Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,  
**All: and teach me your laws.**  
One: Though I constantly take my life in my hands,  
**All: I will not forget your law.**  
One: The wicked have set a snare for me,  
**All: but I have not strayed from your precepts.**  
One: Your statutes are my heritage forever;  
**All: they are the joy of my heart.**  
One: My heart is set on keeping your decrees  
**All: to the very end.**

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

***Circle Time***

***Welcome/Notices***

***Offering:*** Solo: Alvin Epp

***Offertory Hymn/Prayer of Dedication***

**God of Love, hear our prayer. Bless this offering we bring you.**

**May our lives do your will. Guide and guard us forever.**

**Give us courage to stand for truth, help us give to others.**

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***Hymn:***  VU#356 “Seek Ye First”

***Scripture Readings: 2 Timothy 3:12-17; Acts 17:10-12***

***Hymn of Preparation:*** VU#357 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (vv 1, 2, 5)

***The Message:*** “Why Read the Bible?”

***Prayer***

***\*Closing Hymn:*** MV#49 “When We Seek Language”

***\* Benediction***

***\* Commissioning Hymn:*** MV#209 “Go Make A Diff’rence”

**Go make a diff’rence. We can make a diff’rence.**

**Go make a diff’rence in the world.**

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**Go make a diff’rence in the world.**

***\* Musical Postlude***

**T**he Life & Work of the Church - May 26, 2019

**Happy birthday to**: Mike Muma, Bill McMillan, Mark Snowsell, Georgia Kennington.

**Happy anniversary to**: Mark & Vicki Snowsell.

**This week:**

**Monday: \*Youth Group** with Chris Ross (grades 8-12 every week) & Justin Chute (grades 5-7 every other week) in the Gym from 6:30-8pm.

**Tuesday: \*EarlyON Playgroup** in the gym - 9:30 – 11:30am

**Thursday – \*Sr. Choir @ 7:30pm** in the Music Room

**Next Sunday** - \***Interactive Story with Puppets** will be presented in Sunday School by Rosemarie Johnson-Clarke

**Future Dates / Events**

**Thursday Evenings in June (7pm) - Parenting on Purpose Video Series** by Mark Hughes from The Church of the Rock. Presented by the CD/Membership Committee. All Welcome.

**Sunday, June 16 – “Cause Dad… you’re cooler than ice cream!”** Ice Cream Sundae following worship in the Assembly Hall.

**Sunday, July 28 – Worship & Picnic in the Park (at Pinafore Park) beginning @ 10:30am** Lakeside Pagoda - More details to follow

**August 12-15 from 9am to 3pm - Vacation Bible Camp**

led by the counsellors from Pearce Williams Christian Centre

and supervised by the CD / Membership Committee

Register at <https://www.campisbetter.com/vbc>

**Minister’s Drop-In Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 12 Noon

\*Other times available by appointment (519-631-7570 ext. 22)