

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM May 19, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Participating in Worship

Baptismal Candidate: Ezra Tilden St. Onge, child of Elaina & Jeff St. Onge. **Godparent:** Karen Prior

Presenter: Sheila Roske **Reader:** Naomi Beingessner

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

*** You are invited to stand**

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING MV# 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

GATHERING WORDS

We come as we are,
young, old and middle-aged,
individuals and families,
soft-spoken and outspoken,
seeking new life in a tumultuous world.

Behold! All things are made new!

We come as ourselves, our bodies our own, seeking new life in our quest to be our best selves.

Behold! All things are made new!

In ancient ritual and splashing water we welcome new life into our community.

Behold! All things are made new!

Opening our hearts to new life around us in the mysteries of the universe.

Amen!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ

nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER AND PRAYER OF JESUS

***... Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,***

*as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

WE SING MV # 115

Behold, Behold, I Make
All Things New (2x)

INTRODUCTION

We gather at this font to celebrate the Spirit of Life that connects us all and through which we come to love ourselves, one another and the whole of creation.

***This font and the water in it are our symbols of
community and our common need for the
refreshing waters of the Spirit.***

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

***By water and the Spirit,
we are called, claimed and commissioned:***

we are called God's own, welcomed as children of God;
we are claimed by Christ,
united with Christ in Creative Transformation,

united with one another and the Christian community of every time and place;

we are commissioned to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the work of the church in the world.

PRESENTATION

To the Parents:

Do you believe in God, Source of love; in Jesus Christ, love incarnate; and in the Holy Spirit, love's power? If so say, "I do, by the grace of God."

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

If so say, "I will, God being my helper."

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your siblings in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

If so say, "I will, God being my helper."

I will, God being my helper.

In baptism, Ezra marks an important step in their journey of faith. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church?

If so say, "I will, God being my helper."

I will, God being my helper.

Will you grow in faith with Ezra, trusting that, “you are not alone, you live in God’s world”?

If so say, “I will, God being my helper.”

I will, God being my helper.

Will you support Ezra’s participation in a community with shared values in a moral upbringing, wisdom, and action to benefit the social good?

If so say, “I will.”

I will.

To the God Parent:

Karen, recognizing that many persons nurture and influence the life of a child, will you support Ezra and his parents as they grow in faith?

If so say, “I will, God being my helper.”

I will, God being my helper.

To the Congregation:

Each of you knows the need for support and care while upon the spiritual journey. As Elaina and Jeff promise to commit to the journey, let us pledge our care to them.

****We stand as witnesses to the commitment this family makes to the journey of faith and pledge ourselves to love, support and care for them as they discover the ways that the Spirit unfolds for them.***

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

~ A New Creed

OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Flux of Life.

Let us give thanks to She Who Is.

***It is good to give thanks and praise to our
Blessed Creator.***

[The prayer continues, ending with]

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life lived in Christ in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth, our fount of blessing and source of grace.

Amen.

WE BAPTIZE

Ezra Tilden St. Onge, we baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
the One God who is Mother to us all.

Amen.

WE MARK WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Ezra Tilden St. Onge, I mark you with the cross, the sign
of Love Incarnate.

Amen.

WE BLESS WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Ezra Tilden St. Onge, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

THE CONGREGATION MEETS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

WE SING MV # 115

Behold, Behold, I Make
All Things New (2x)

WE PRESENT THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, PRAYER SHAWL AND CANDLE TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED.

BLESSING

May the water of your baptism enliven you;
may the faith of your baptism strengthen you;
may the community of the baptized support you;
and may Christ who was baptized keep you in God's love.

Amen.

WE LISTEN

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-11

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-6

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM

Come Flood This Heart of Mine
by David Lantz III

SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

*WE SING VU #449

Crashing Waters at Creation

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community

All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity

Sharing, caring, learning, growing

Rising to each neighbour's needs

Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus leads

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING MV #212

Sent Out In Jesus' Name

*WORDS OF MISSION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE