

**Wesley United, Cambridge**  
**Theme – “Beauty of the Earth”**  
**Sunday, June 10, 2018**

\* - stand as able.

**Bold = congregational response**

Hymn Books: VU (*Voices United*); MV (*More Voices*)

NOTE – hand drums are available for you to play along with hymns.

*Today’s bulletin is given in loving memory of  
Mel Rose, by the Rose family.*

**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

Gathering Music: Hymn Sing  
Highlighted Announcements

**OPENING TO DIVINE PRESENCE**

**Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory**

One: As we gather in this place, . . . , the land promised to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

**Many: May we live with respect on this land, and in peace and friendship with its people.**

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Let us gather and worship God of all times and places who from the beginning gifted us with seasons and change **morning and evening, days and weeks, and sabbath time.**

The One who is Holy Mystery and Wholly Love gave us months, seasons and years . . .

**times for planting, growth, harvest and rest.**

Gracious and Loving God, through the generations your Spirit has called us to be your church in this place.

**In these changing seasons in our United Church, help us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in this place as we move into this new season.**

We come to offer you gratitude and praise as we worship together with the churches of Hamilton Conference.

**We give thanks that throughout the changing seasons, you are always with us. Amen.**

Hymn: “O God, Whose First Creative Word” VU #322

**Prayer of Confession**

Ever Faithful God, we confess that we often find it difficult to change. We hold on to the familiar and resist other ways of doing things. Forgive us and help us open our imagination to new ways of being your church in the world.

Gracious God, hear our silent prayers, as we confess those things that separate us from you and from each other...*(silence)*

**Words of Assurance**

Friends, hear the Good News . . . , we are forgiven, and we are loved.

**Thanks be to God!**

**We Listen for God’s Word**

**Special Music:** For the Beauty

~ Mark Hayes

**\*The Peace**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.** (*Sharing signs of peace and reconciliation*)

**Children’s Time**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (sung) #959 VU

(NOTE – *If you wish to make this more inclusive, you may sing “Creator, Redeemer...” or “Our Father, Our Mother...”*)

**Scripture Lesson:**

Genesis 2:8-10a, 15 (MSG)

~ Cheryl Oliva

**Dramatic Dialogue:** Act 1

**Hymn:** “Wait for the Lord” VU #22 *repeat 4 to 6 times*

**Prayer**

Grace, mercy and peace from God, And the love of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Nothing has changed!

**But we know that isn’t true. So much has changed.**

We gather as Hamilton Conference gathers for the last time, knowing that everything changes

**and will never be the same ever again.**

We grieve the loss of members of our church who have moved away or passed away.

**And we celebrate the legacy they leave us, witnessing to their faith by sharing in our mission and ministry.**

We grieve the changes in our churches, The times we feel bruised and broken.

We grieve as we mark the final days of the body that is Hamilton Conference, and each of the Presbyteries who served it and the church well.

**We celebrate and give thanks for the opportunities to serve God and for the friendships made along the way.**

In the name of the Risen One, We gather in this place, Knowing that everything has changed.

**Released from our fears, Healed from our wounds, Challenged by God's love,**

We gather to celebrate the Divine presence that remakes us.

**The transforming pain that reshapes us.**

The Holy One's passionate energy that empowers us.

**And who makes all things new again.**

Amen.

**And amen!**

**Hymn:** "In the Bulb There Is A Flower" VU#703

**Scripture Lesson:**

2 Corinthians 9:6a, 8-11 (MSG)

~ Cheryl Oliva

**Dramatic Dialogue:** Act 2

**Prayer:**

***We Respond through the Holy Spirit***

**Offering Our Gifts**

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**Offertory:** As the Deer

~ Martin Nystrom

**Offering Song:** "Grant us, God, the Grace of Giving" VU #540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, With a Spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

**Offering Prayer**

**Generous God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your church. We offer our gifts and ourselves to continue to share your love in our churches, communities and world.**

**Amen.**

**Scripture:**

Revelation 21: 5 (MSG)

~ Cheryl Oliva

**Dramatic Dialogue:** Act 3

**Hymn:** "We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection" VU #586

**Sending Out and Blessing**

**Sung Response:** "Go to the World" VU #420 (vs. 3)

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;

the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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