

# WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

**Minister:** Rev. John Maich

**Music Directors:** Chris Savory and Geoff Snow

**Transfiguration Sunday—Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, February 19, 2012**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TIME OF SILENCE

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN—Joyful, Joyful We Adore You.....VU 232**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

**All:** **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH (together)

We will climb mountains and wait at the top for you to reveal your glory and yet, most often you sit beside us in ordinary ways and we fail to notice you. Open our eyes that we might see you for who you really are and how you really come among us. Help us to open our hearts to you so that you might dwell in them always.

**CHILDREN’S HYMN -- I’ve Got Peace Like A River.....VU 577**

## THE OFFERING

**Offertory** – Lift Thine Eyes To The Mountains

**Doxology** – Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One:** Let us confess, with open heart and an honest mind our sins to God.

**All:** **O Lord our God, we have fallen short in so many ways. Our sins are too numerous for us to count or even to remember. Reveal to us all that we are ashamed of and try to hide from you, illuminate our faults and our failures so that the light of your love can make us pure and holy as you are pure and holy.**  
*(silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**HYMN—Teach Me God To Wonder.....VU 299**

**SCRIPTURE READING.....read by Margaret Gill**

**Psalm:** Psalm 50.....VU pg. 775

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 9: 2-9

**Gloria Patri**

**ANTHEM** – Comfort, Comfort Now My People VU 883

**MEDITATION** They Were So Frightened

## PASTORAL PRAYERS

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN—Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life.....VU 681**

## BENEDICTION

**CHORAL CHARGE** – Three-Fold Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Warm Welcome** to all friends and visitors who are worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book at the back of the hall.

**Coffee Hour** – all are welcome for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the auditorium following the service.

**Annual Congregational Meeting – today** following the service.

**2011 Annual Reports** are now available at the back of the sanctuary. Please take **one per family**.

**A Potluck Lunch** will be held following the meeting. Please plan to stay.

**Ash Wednesday** – On February 22 from 2 – 3:00 p.m. a meditation hour with music performed by Geoff Snow. All welcome.

**Sunday School Teachers** - meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**Worship Committee** – meeting on Monday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

**World Day of Prayer** – will be held this year on Friday, March 2, 2012 at Trinity Anglican Church at 7:00 p.m.

Theme: “Let Justice Prevail” (Malaysia)

Choir practice (5 hymns) will be held at Trinity Anglican Church on Thursday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m.

Inclement weather date: Choir practice: March 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Service: March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

**An Easter Newsletter** is planned. Please submit news items to the office ([wucsecretary@bellnet.ca](mailto:wucsecretary@bellnet.ca)) by Monday, March 12 for publication March 18.

**Wanted – Used Board Games** in good condition. The Sunday School classes are looking for donations. For the young and young at heart, we would be grateful.

**Many new pieces of information are posted on the Bulletin Board.**  
Please take a look!!

**Mark February 24 at 7:30 p.m. on your calendar.** Joel VanderZee from Kitchener is performing at our church’s FREE concert that evening. He’s a very accomplished musician with a Master’s Degree in Organ performance from Western Michigan University. Joel performs recitals throughout Ontario, and we’re fortunate to have him at Waterford United Church.

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### Lift Thine Eyes to The Mountains

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
whence cometh, whence cometh, whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of the heaven and earth.  
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.  
Thy Keeper shall never slumber, never,  
will never slumber, never slumber.  
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