



Woden Valley Uniting Church

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Easter 6: Who Will Harm You?

10 May 2026

We Gather as people of God

The Gong is struck three times

The gong sounds. We hold silence. We listen to the gong calling us to gather, calling us to be present in this time of worship.

Prelude Music

Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting of the community candle

Call to worship *by Rev. Lucas Levy Keppel*

As we gather together, we remember that we are not alone in our faith:

God is our Companion.

Though the Way is not easy, and we may suffer in righteousness,

God is our Comfort.

When anger fills our hearts, and grief crushes our spirits,

God is our Counsellor.

And through it all, we are together:

***For we are all children of God,
our Companion, our Comfort, and our Counsellor.***

Song TIS 477 Jesus Calls us here to meet him

Welcome

Reflective Prayer

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the sign of peace with one another

Song TIS 417 Loving Spirit, Loving Spirit


Mother's Day reflection

I want to grow old, Maxine Beneba Clark (excerpt)

We Reflect on the Word for our time

Singing the Psalms Psalm 66:8-20.

Refrain (v.12) by Isaac Everett, *The Emergent Psalter*



We walk through fire and wa - ter while you lead us in - to life.

We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.

First reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel reading: John 14:15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

A Reflection If you love me

Music for reflection

We Respond to the Word

Song TIS 181 Come, O God of all the Earth

Offering

Prayers of the People *The care candle is lit*

The Lord's prayer Francis Macnab

*Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us;
Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder.
Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us;
Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity.
May we find we have all we need
to meet each day without undue anxiety.
Overlook our many stupidities, and help us
to release everyone from their stupidities.
May we all know that we are accepted.
Strengthen us that we will reach out
to the best, always with the faith
to rise above the ugly realities of our existence. And we celebrate the gifts you
have given us –
the rich kingdom of life's possibilities
the power to do good and the triumphs of good
and the moments when we have seen
the glory and wonder of everything.
You are life's richness.
You are life's power.
You are life's ultimate meaning – Amen.*

We Go out into the World

Song TIS 657 God of Freedom, God of Justice

The candles are extinguished

Words of Blessing *by Rev Gord worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/*

You are the hands and feet of God in Woden Valley and beyond
You are called to soothe suffering,
to live with compassion,
to build up God's loving peace.
So, as you leave this place, how will you live?

*We go from this place of worship
to share the gifts, we have been given.
We go from this time of worship
to build up the Body of Christ.
We go from this holy space
to carry the Holy to the world around us.*

Go in love, go in peace, go with God. **Amen.**

Postlude (a time for quiet reflection – please remain seated)

This week' at Woden Valley Uniting Church

Church News, joys and concerns Significant birthdays, anniversaries or events, travel candle

Fellowship

Morning tea is now served.

You are invited to share in the time of fellowship.

Adapted from WVUC Order of Service, 14 May 2023 'If You Love Me'

Leader: Kate McLoughlin

Music: Joan Pratt

Reader: Janet Kay