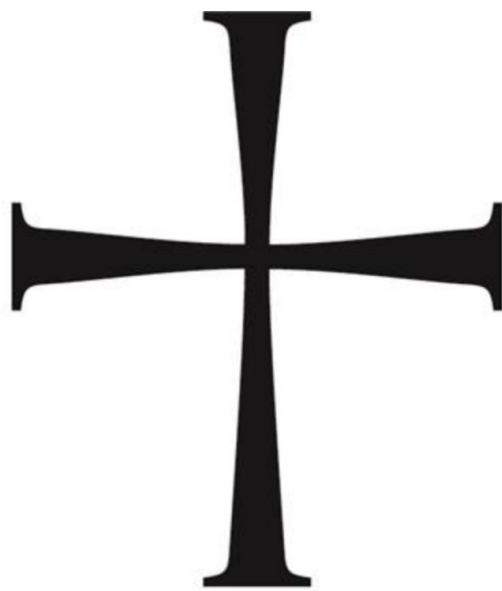


WEEK OF PRAYER
for
CHRISTIAN UNITY

CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE



UNA and St. Matthews

JOINT WORSHIP
54 BENTON STREET

January 22, 2023

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
Joint Service with UNA Church and St. Matthews
Sunday, January 22, 2023
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Words of Welcome & Call to Gather

*Song *"Humble God"*

*Song *"Come thou Fount"*

Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (Isaiah 1:12-18)

*Opening Prayer

*Song *"In Christ Alone"*

Anthem *"King of Love"* S. Chapman

Children's Message

Word

Reading Ephesians 2:13-22

Psalms 42 (said responsively)

*Gospel Acclamation 172 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

*Gospel Reading John 13:34-35

Sermon

Conversation

*Hymn of the Day 654 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord's Prayer

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Song

"Shout to the Lord"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Toccata"

L. Boellmann

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Christ is our Cornerstone; this assumption from the letter to Ephesians is the basis for understanding and collaboration between Christians of different denominations. We are Christians because we follow Christ. While there might be differences between denominations, all differences pale in comparison to the knowledge and faith that Jesus is Lord and Christ is the foundation of our very being.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Leading Worship Today

Ministers: Revs. Evan Garst and Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lectors: Margaret Steel and Linda McLellan

UNA Band: Led by Kurtis Wright, Trevor Martin (Keyboard), Seth Garst (Drums), Dan Grace (Bass Guitar)

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

General Announcements

Update: West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the current demolition, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Jonathan Maracle, a Mohawk singer/songwriter from Tyendinaga, will be presenting a concert, workshop and teaching during Sunday worship with UNA Church next weekend. Jonathan's story as a Christian Indigenous person is a unique witness to the gospel and it is very exciting to welcome him to 54 Benton.

Saturday evening's concert is Free Admission and co-sponsored by UNA Church and Feather & Cross. Invite your friends and neighbours for some uplifting story and song. Sunday's presentation is open to St. Matthews members. Learn more deeply about the connection between faith and Indigenous ways of being in the world.

Sign-up for Sunday's Lunch and Blanket Exercise with Jonathan Maracle here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbt-OTtlay2lysnPu27kxI21zyaK3sLIQMtO6XhSgmGbG31A/viewform>

Concert: Saturday, January 28 at 7 pm

Lunch & Blanket Exercise: Sunday, January 29 (following UNA worship at 11:30).

Lana Moses and Deacon Scott will be guests at Trillium Lutheran in Waterloo to talk about Feather & Cross and explore where we may take next steps in our relationship building. St. Matthews members are warmly invited to attend this soup supper followed by a one hour workshop Wed Jan 25 at 5:30pm.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.



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