

Fenwick United Church

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Mission Statement:

To be an inclusive faith community in Fenwick,
practising the teachings of Jesus

* *Indicates please stand, if able*

We Gather As a People of God

The Prelude

Words of Welcome

Announcements and Concerns

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and Entrance of the Word

* **Opening Hymn 415** "God, We Praise You for the Morning"

* Call to Worship: (responsively)

People of God! Why have you come?

We have come to celebrate

God's healing presence among us.

Servants of God! Why have you come?

**We have come to be refreshed,
to be renewed, to be sent out.**

Children of God! Why have you come?

We have come to worship together.

Then let us do so with joy and gladness.

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* Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

Gracious God, once again

you have called us together in this place.

Here we open our hearts and lives before you,

here we seek to hear your life-giving Word.

God, in this time of song and prayer and speech,

open our very souls to receive your challenge,

open our wills to accept your instruction.

Turn our mourning into dancing,

replace our sackcloths with garments of joy.

And when our time of worship is ended,

lead us back out into the world

to share the Good News with the world around us.

We pray in the name of the One

who brought your healing love, Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

Conversation with the children

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

We Listen for God's Voice

First Lesson: Isaiah 25: 1-9

Responsive Psalm 23 – VU pg. 749 (sung refrain 2)

Reader: George Dewar

Choir Anthem: "We Praise the Lord"

- J. Althouse

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 1-14

Sermon

* **Hymn 707** "For the Faithful Who Have Answered"

We Respond to God’s Voice

Invitation to the Offering

* Presentation of the Offering: MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share. (Repeat)**

* Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

We Go Out to Serve

* **Closing Hymn 416** “Forth in Your Name, O Christ”

* Commissioning and Benediction

* Choral Benediction: “Go Now in Peace”

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith – steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude

Prayer List

Let us pray for Caistorville Pastoral Charge in Erie Presbytery on the Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle this week, and all those in the Fenwick congregation in need of prayer.

The Life and Work of the Congregation

Welcome to worship at Fenwick United Church. We welcome our guests, and pray that our worship time together will be a time of strengthening of spirit for the work of the week ahead. Please sign our guest book at the doors to the sanctuary and join us for refreshments and conversation in the church hall following the service.

Our hosts: Membership & Pastoral Care Committee

Greeting you: Jewel North and Jim Edsall

Children’s Ministry Leader: Linda Sharpe-Pietras

This Week at Fenwick United Church

Tues. Oct 17 10:00 am Men’s Group

Wed. Oct 18 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Announcements

Thank you to Christine Earley for leading worship today.

Join us for lunch after church today. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone who brought non-perishable food items or made cash donations to Pelham Cares. It has been delivered to them.

Next week is the “Blessing of the Animals” Service. Bring your pets and enjoy a fun service.

Our Annual Bazaar is on Friday, November 3 from 1 to 4 pm and Saturday, November 4 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Hope you can join us for tea on Friday, and soup and sandwich lunch on Saturday. Items are needed for the Silent Auction. If you can donate something for the auction, see Anne Robbins. Donations of baking for the great bake table and donations of preserves and hostess gifts for the country store are also very much appreciated. Watch for our posters.