

**Woodslee United Church**  
**Sunday, August 30, 2026 10:00 am**  
**Romans 12:9-21**

*"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21*

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – PRELUDE**

**PRE-WORSHIP SINGING –** (Starting at 9:50 a.m.)

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Minister: The Rev. Carl Emke**  
**Pianist for Today: Diana Dennis**

**REFLECTIONS and PRAISE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

We light the Christ candle to remind us that we want the light of Christ to shine on our time of worship; and that the words that the Pastor shares would point us to that light. This is the understanding of the symbolism of the lighted candle in front of the pulpit.

Jesus said in John 8:12, "**I am the Light of the World: the one who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**" This morning, the Christ Candle will be lit by Avery

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP:** "We Have Come into His House"

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (Unison)

Heavenly Father, we come to You today with hearts of anticipation beating within us. We are excited to meet with You and we thank You that You are always ready to meet with us. We come because we need You. We are ready to hear You. We are ready to listen to You. We are ready to follow where You lead us today. We come in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Following Jesus, every day by day,  
Nothing can harm me when He leads the way.  
Sunshine or shadow, whate'er befall;  
Jesus my Saviour is my all in all.*

**HYMN:** # 289 "It Only Takes a Spark"

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE:** This morning, we will be treated to a couple of Highland Dances that will be performed by Morgan & Sydney Wallace. Thank you, girls, for sharing the results of your hard work!

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A NEW CREED:** We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Diana Dennis is the pianist for today. She will be accompanying Tim Pearce and Kally Dixon who will be singing the song called "He." They are inviting us to join them in singing. Words to that song have been distributed to the congregation.

**PREPARATION FOR PRAYER:** Please remain seated as the pianist plays # 400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (sung twice)

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**HYMN:** # 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Romans 12:9-21, pg.922-923 in the Bible in the pews.

**SERMON:** "Be Cool – Man!"

**OUR GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH:** The Bible tells us: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul." The ushers will now receive the offering.

**HYMN OF DEDICATION:** MV #191 "What Can I Do?" (2 X)

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN:** # 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

**COMMISSIONING:** "Trusting Jesus"

As we hear these words being spoken, it is as if we were challenging ourselves to remember what trust is all about. We can ask ourselves this question: "Am I really trusting Jesus?"

### **BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Go Now In Peace"

**POSTLUDE** Woodslee Pastoral Charge CCLI # 465534

**Right after the service**, please stay for a time of friendship and fellowship in the Hall. We hope that everyone can stay and enjoy this time together. The friendships are a blessing, and the time together is a treat. There will be no Pot-Luck today, just the usual "Snacks 'n Sips."

**Thought for the Day:** "Footprints on the sands of time were not made sitting down!"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Service will resume in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 13. Sunday School also begins that Sunday. We 'fall' back into the swing of things!

**Birthday Cakes for Everyone:** Everyone deserves to celebrate their birthday with a cake, but for many families, that's a luxury they simply can't afford.

Our ladies group has decided that this year we would like to make **Birthday Cake Kits** to donate to the local food banks. Each kit includes everything needed to bake and decorate a birthday cake – all packaged inside a disposable foil pan. This project will run until the end of November giving us time to put the kits together and get them delivered by the end of the year.

**We are in need of:** Cake mixes, tubs of icing, sprinkles, Birthday candles and foil baking pans. We will provide the soda (it replaces the eggs and oil needed for the cake). Specific flavours are required for the recipes. Every donation large or small brings us one step closer to our goal. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

- Monday – 12:30 p.m. -The Woodslee Friendship Club plays euchre in the Hall.
- Monday – evening – no Karate for the summer.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. - The Knotty Blanketeers are meeting in the Hall.
- Wednesday – 12:30 – The Woodslee Friendship Club plays pepper in the Hall.
- Wednesday – evening – no Karate for the summer.
- Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Hall. No Sunday School for the summer.