

Dorchester United Church
June 7, 2026
Worship Leader: Catherine Tovell

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "Have You Seen But a White Lily Grow" Solo: by Nancy Quinn
Anon. Arranged by J. Michael Diack

Have you seen but a white lily grow
Before rude hands had touch'd it?
Have you mark'd but the fall of the snow
Before the earth hath smutch'd it?

Have you felt the wool of beaver,
Or swan's down ever?
Or have smelt of the bud of the brier,
or the nard in the fire?
Or have tasted the bag of the bee?
O so white, O so soft, O so sweet,
so sweet -- so sweet is she.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation

Land Acknowledgement:

"It is important that we take a moment to think about the land we are located on. While we are the current stewards of this land, it was not always so. We recognize that for thousands of years before the London Township Treaty, Treaty 6, of 1796, there were already peoples here who were stewards of the land. The Anishnabewaki, the Attawandaronk, the Mississauga, and others. And before there were people, the land was. As Christians of European heritage and Indigenous peoples alike, we acknowledge that the land which sustains us all, the land on which we live and move and have our being, belongs to God our Creator."

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship:

M: Come into this time of worship knowing that God has called each one of us here.

P: We come ready to hear what God has for us.

M: Come, knowing that Christ is here beside each and every one of us.

P: We come with the assurance of this companionship

M: Come, to be set free to respond to the Spirit's work in the world.

P: We come to be equipped for service.

Hymn: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets" VU #245

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- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Opening Prayer:

VU #564

Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
alive and at large in the world;
help us to follow and find you today
in the places where we work and meet people,
spend leisure time and make plans.
Teach us to see through your eyes,
and to hear the questions you ask;
by the power of the Cross,
and in the freedom of your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

SOLO: My Shepherd by G. F. Handel

Nancy Quinn

God is my shepherd!
In the verdant pastures maketh my quiet rest.
By still waters, By still water leadeth me
And restoreth my fainting soul, my fainting soul.
Though in death's dark valley I must take my way,
Yet my heart shall know no fear,
For Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort, comfort me.
In the Lord's house forever I'll dwell.

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

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- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

A New Creed VU 918

**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.**

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33 – Part 1 only VU #760

Shout to God for joy, you righteous!

Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

**Give thanks to God with the harp;
sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute.**

Sing a new song to God; play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

**For the word of God is true;
God's every deed is faithful.**

**R A new song to our god proclaim,
from age to age rejoice.**

Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-9 and Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Sermon: “Singing a New Song”

Hymn: “My Love Colours Outside the Lines” MV 138

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My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find;
And takes me into places
Where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My love colours outside the lines,
Turns wounds into blessings,
Water into wine;
And takes me into places
Where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
Tear back the curtains,
Sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
thrown open doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
If we're not prepared to die,
And realize there are worlds outside the lines.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession & 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 those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: "Said Judas to Mary" **VU 129 vs. 5**

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**"The poor of the world are my body," he said,
"to the end of the world they shall be;
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor
you'll know you have given to me," he said,
"you'll know you have given to me."**

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" **VU #271**

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- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

- 3 There is plentiful redemption
 in the blood that Christ has shed;
 there is joy for all the members
 in the sorrows of the Head.

- 4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
 like a crowd of frightened sheep?
 Foolish hearts, why will you wander
 from a love so true and deep?

- 5 For the love of God is broader
 than the measures of the mind,
 and the heart of the Eternal
 is most wonderfully kind.

Commissioning and Benediction

As you go forth from this place,
may you continue walking with Christ in love and service,
taking with you all that we have learned and shared.
May our memories be springs of water when we are thirsty,
rays of light when we are in darkness,
and reason for rejoicing always.
May God bless and keep us all, this day and always.
Amen.

Sung Response: VU 961 “Let us, O God, Depart In Peace”

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**Let us, O God, depart in peace,
who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face,
and be forever near.**

Postlude: “On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Joncas Setting by John Carter
