

HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH

September 10, 2023 – Welcome Back Sunday!

Welcome *We warmly welcome you to the service today!*

* Please stand, if you are able.

Life & Work of the Church

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather to praise the God of new beginnings!

People: We gather to worship the God of unfailing love.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the God of salvation's joy.

People: We come, forgiven and renewed, and ready to serve.

OPENING HYMN: *See the Morning Sun Ascending

See the morning sun ascending, radiant in the eastern sky!

Hear the angel voices blending in their praise to God on high!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to God on high!

For your loving kindness ever shed upon our earthly way;

For your mercy ceasing never, for your blessing day by day.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to God always!

Wisdom, honour, power and blessing, with th'anglic host we cry.

Round your throne, your name confessing, now we would to you draw nigh.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to God on high!

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Lord God, we easily say that we believe, but our actions do not always demonstrate those words to be true.

People: Many times we settle for seeking our own comfort, and leave the difficult work up to others.

Leader: When You call us to face situations that challenge us, we are often too complacent to hear Your voice, and too timid to leave what is familiar.

People: As we enter a new church season, make us ready to go where You lead us. Amen.

A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE – Our HSUC Trustees

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Sanctuary* (Welcome back, HSUC Choir!)

OUR GIFTS ARE GIVEN (*our offering is received*)

***PRAYER OVER OUR GIFTS**

Leader: Generous God, use what we offer to You today: our money, our time and our praise.

People: Use our gifts and our lives in any way that brings you honour, and shows your love to the world. Amen

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 20:8-12

SERMON: *A New & Better Way*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer (sung #959)

***CLOSING HYMN:** *God of Life* (vs 1, 2, 4)

God of life, in Christ you lead us, guiding us along the way.

In our past, through joys and sorrows, you have been our strength and stay.

Keep us faithful, true disciples, in our learning and our praise.

Celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

God of words and Word Incarnate, words that challenge and embrace.

Grant us boldness in our speaking, while we know your loving grace.

Give us words both clear and winsome, loving hearts and listening ears.

Celebrating past and present, consecrating future years.

God of days and years and eons, still you call as in the past.

Work undone demands our labour, justice years for peace at last.

Yours the vision and the challenge, ours the mission and the praise.

Celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

***BENEDICTION & VERSE (from *One More Step Along the World I Go*)**

Give us courage when the world is rough,

Keep us loving though the world is tough.

Praise and serve in all we do, keep us travelling along with you.

And it's from the old we travel to the new. Keep us travelling along with you.

POSTLUDE