

ORDER OF SERVICE

CHRISTIAN FAMILY DAY – MOTHER’S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Please Stand Where Able

MUSICAL PRELUDE

BIBLE OPENING

WELCOME & CELEBRATIONS

TIME OF PREPARATION & GROUNDING

GREETING

God is good,
 All the time.
All the time,
 God is good.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Gather ‘round all people who seek God’s word and
who have a love for God’s creation.

**We gather on this Sunday celebrating
 Christian families**

We find joy in the loving relationships among us.

**We give thanks for those who bless us
 with their caring and concern.**

Now lift up your spirits and tune your heart to
receive all that God has prepared for us this day.

We give God all the praise!

***HYMN VU #395**

“Come In, Come In and Sit Down”

OPENING PRAYER *(unison)*

Free us, loving God, to perceive your whispers of
direction in our lives.

Open us, motivating Spirit, to act with
compassion saturated with love.

Equip us, living Christ, to go into the world
 to make a difference in your name.

In all we learn, in all we embrace,
and in all we do, may we know we are not alone,
for you are with us always. Amen.

Adapted from Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE HEAR THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

John 10:1-18

REFLECTION **“APRON UP”**

***HYMN VU #567**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INVITATION to Generosity

*We have a “Giving Station” at each Entrance
 and one plate that will remain at the back entrance
 throughout the service.*

*Please Stand for the Offering Hymn while the
Offering is brought forward

Sung Response “What Can I Do?” (2 times)

*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.*

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**Teach us, God, to offer
the very best of who we are
in the service of your will
through the mission of this church:
may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation
in the world so much in need.
Receive what we give for
the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer..... AMEN

***HYMN # VU#602** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

***COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

*** SUNG BLESSING** MV #92 (vs 1 only)

“Like A Rock”

Organist will play through once
Sing Together 2 times through

*Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in
God evermore.*

POSTLUDE

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*“London Road West United Church is a welcoming congregation
celebrating God's presence through worship, music, spiritual enrichment
and outreach.”*

“Be with us: Celebrate GOD!”