

Watch this week's service on YouTube by clicking: [August 30 Worship Service Video](#)

Dear Friends

Welcome to worship for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

The opening images from the worship service video this week are from a staff meeting we held on Wednesday. It was our first gathering since June and like everything else these days it was a little different. Some of us gathered in person where each had their own table to ensure physical distance. Some joined by computer to be with us virtually. Some of us have been working through the summer while some have had a deserved break and are now resuming their responsibilities.

But what I hope you will notice is that we were all there. This fall, that means 11 people on staff in various capacities. In spite of the challenges in which we are living, the restrictions we accept for the good of all, and the limitations imposed on our respective responsibilities, we are doing our best to offer everything that is vital to a healthy and active Christian community. It is calling on our imaginations and our creativity. It is frustrating at times but nonetheless energizing. But we are all here. Working with you and working for you.

My hope is that you will continue to connect with Charleswood United Church in ways appropriate to your situation. I am always willing to hear from you by phone or email even if it is just to say hi. And all of us on staff are willing to listen to your ideas about how programs and ministry can be delivered in this disruptive moment. We know we can't do everything but we are glad to be in conversation in the hope of developing and arriving at best practices for the current circumstances.

*For in the one Spirit we were all brought into one body by baptism.*  
1 Corinthians 12:13

Grace and peace,  
Michael

As we continue on through these challenging times we are pleased to offer a video service on YouTube. Please enjoy and feel free to share with others. The link for sharing is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhB3ioNmGMk>

DID YOU KNOW ... ?

- The Life and Work of our church is updated by Janet weekly. Please have a look at the Life & Work insert: <https://charleswoodunited.org/media/life-work/>
- **Next Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> will include a service of communion.** You may wish to prepare elements to partake while watching the service. But please remember that with or without bread and cup we are always One in Spirit
- Our annual *Bereavement Support Course* with Linda Churchill of Crescentwood Counselling is going to be offered in an online format this fall. The sessions will be held Thursday evenings September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM. Please register by calling the church office.
- Congratulations to Barry and Grace Cox who celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week! Blessings  
Grace and Barry

- Look for YouTube church school with our Children's Ministry Director Rosalie Finch set to begin in the weeks to come.
- Another *Yazidi Farmer's Market* is tentatively scheduled for *Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>*. Details will be available next week.
- And finally, most of our expenses continue through the summer. If you would like to support the ministry of Charleswood United Church, please visit: [www.charleswoodunited.org/donate](http://www.charleswoodunited.org/donate). Thank you to all those who have continued to contribute regularly.