

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH  
"Growing Together in Spirit"  
(August 9, 2020)

*Worship is lead by Alison Houston.*

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship:

\*Invitation to Worship:

**Let us gather in the presence of God.**

**Filled with the love of God.**

**Filled with the joy of Christ**

**Filled with the hope of the Spirit**

**Come: Let us worship God**

*With permission. Sandy Ferguson, Windermere Valley Shared Ministry, BC*

Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

# 4MV 145

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still**

**Let this be our song: No one stand alone.**

**Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still-point of the circle,**

**round whom all creation turns;**

**Nothing lost, but held forever**

**in God's precious arms.**

***Chorus***

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,**

**so encompass great and small;**

**Let our loving know no borders,**

**faithful to God's call.**

***Chorus***

**Let the dreams we dream be larger**

**than we've ever dreamed before**

**Let the dream of Christ be in us,**

**Open every door.**

Opening Prayer:

**We pause at this time to sense your presence,**

**Gracious God. Your presence can be seen in the**

**rustling wind or in the warming rays of the sun; your**

**presence can be felt in the hearts of your people or in**

**the melodic tones of the world's music. Wherever we**

**are, we know that you are there with us, O God. May**

**we continue to experience you as a source of**

**goodness in our lives, this day and always.**

*Bill Steadman, Goulais River, Ont with permission*

Welcome & Life and Ministry of the Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Hymn: Don't be Afraid

# MV 90

**Don't be afraid.**

**My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear**

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,**

**And I have promised, promised to be always near.**

Message: 'Alright, already – I'll Do It!'

**Scriptures:**

**Genesis 45:1–15**

Joseph is reunited with his brothers.

**Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28**

A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus.

**WE RESPOND**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Healing and Transformation:

The Lord's Prayer: (Spoken)

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication:

Your many gifts surround us each day: from each breath we take, to the bounty of our lives. Receive these gifts, so that this community may continue to be strong, and so that our faith may reach out from this place in acts of courage and of peace.

*Kate Crawford, Huron Shores UC, Grand Bend, ON , with permission*

**WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

\*Hymn: O Love How Deep (verse 1, 2, 4, 7)

# 348

**1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high  
It fills the heart with ecstasy  
That God, In Jesus Christ should take  
Our mortal form, for mortals' sake.**

**2 God sent an angel to our race  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robes of human frame  
And freely to this lost world came.**

**4 For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
For us great daily works were wrought  
By words, and signs, and actions, thus  
Still seeking not himself, but us.**

**7 To God, whose boundless love has won  
Salvation for us through the Son,  
To God all praise and glory be  
Both now and through eternity.**

Commissioning & Blessing

**May we go forth, trusting in our dreams.**

**May we go forth, trusting in each other.**

**May we go forth, trusting in God to show us our path,**

**Now and always.**

**Amen**

Music to Inspire Us as We Go: