

MILLWOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 2, 2025



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Prelude

Welcome & Purpose

MWCC strives to grow as a multi-generational, inclusive Christian faith community with Christlike love by developing close, healthy relationships and partnering with community groups such as WINGS and WeCan

Goodness Of God

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Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God **Chorus**

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Reading Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

God So Loved

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Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away

all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

Blessings and Concerns

Fairest Lord Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Ministry Opportunities

The Love Of God

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Verse 1

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

Chorus

O love of God how rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure
The saints and angels song

Verse 2

When years of time shall pass away
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall
When men who here refuse to pray
On rocks and hills and mountains call
God's love so sure shall still endure
All measureless and strong
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints and angels song

Verse 3

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky

Benediction

Love Will Find You

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Chorus

Love will find you if you'll open your heart and let it in,
Let it in; love will find you.
Won't you open up your life so love comes in, love comes in?

Verse 1

God is waiting for us all to wake up from our sleep.
If we'd only hear the call such love we would receive

Chorus

Love will find you if you'll open your heart and let it in,
Let it in; love will find you.
Won't you open up your life so love comes in, love comes in?

Verse 2

God is calling out for us if we'd only hear.
Why not be adventurous and let the love come near.

Chorus

Love will find you if you'll open your heart and let it in,
Let it in; love will find you.
Won't you open up your life so love comes in, love comes in? It'll come in.

Postlude

Mark your calendars: MWCC AGM will be February 9 after worship.

2025 Daily Texts

We still have copies of the 2025 Daily Texts available. If you would like to purchase a copy you can add payment in your Sunday envelope, just add a memo Daily Text payment. Or you can send an E-transfer to office@mcchurch.ca with a memo Daily Text payment.

Soft Cover - \$15.00, Large Print \$18.00

Lent 2025

Several of our members indicated a desire to watch episodes of "The Chosen" followed by a discussion at our check-ins last year. Because you asked for it, that's exactly what we're going to do for our Lenten Series this year. Bring your own dinner and eat while we watch an episode in the Fireside Room. Once the episode is done, we'll share a conversation about what we found inspiring, intriguing, etc. Please make plans on attending!

We'll hit play on the episode at 6:30pm on: March 5, 12, 19, & 26, and April 2 & 9.

Holy Week & Easter 2025

Holy Week is April 13-19. We'll gather for Holy Week services at 7:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

On Easter Morning we'll hold our sunrise service in our God's Acre at 6:30am. We'll celebrate Easter again at 10:30am at the church.

WeCan Food Basket

To place an order please go to [WECAN Food Basket Society](#) to order online. Or, For in-person cash orders, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick-up time).

Communion dates for 2025

Our Elders decided to make a small tweak to our communion schedule for 2025 in favour of having more predictability and consistency. As a general rule, we'll celebrate Holy Communion on the last Sunday of each month. We'll also celebrate Communion on Moravian festival days. We know some of you really want to prepare for celebrating Communion and we hope this schedule will help you with that part of your discipleship. Here's the schedule:

January 26	July 6 (Jan Hus)	October 26
February 23	July 27	November 9 (Chief Elder Festival)
March 30	August 17 (August 13th Festival)	November 30 (Advent 1)
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	August 31	December 28
April 27	September 28	
May 25	October 5 (World Communion Sunday)	
June 29		

Today's Service				February 9, 2025 Service			
Greeters	Sharon	Ushers	Armand & Melanie	Greeters		Ushers	Armand
Music	Katie, Scott, Bob, Stuart	Reader	Bob	Music	Lorraine	Reader	
Sound		Media		Sound		Media	Amy
Coffee	Sonja & Freeman	Elder		Coffee	Corinne	Elder	
Birthday Cake	Carol Paul	Closing	Pastor	Birthday Cake		Closing	Pastor
Counters				Counters			

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Please phone us to make an in office appointment