



Building Community through love, grace and acceptance – all are welcome!

Who are the ministers of Lansing United? *All of us!*

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Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

Thank you for being here at Lansing United! We are a welcoming and affirming community of faith where you are only a visitor once - we embrace diversity and welcome the seekers, the questioners, the new-timers, the old-timers, young and old and everyone in between. Come every Sunday, come only on special occasions, come as you are, come when you can and know you are always welcome.

To assist you in our service:

⇒ *Devices are available for those who have hearing impairments. Please speak to one of the greeters.*

⇒ *Throughout the order of service you will notice an “*” indicating when we stand (as we are able), and **Bold** print indicating congregational responses.*

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⇒ *We pride ourselves on being a family friendly congregation and although there are no formal Sunday School classes during the summer, there are colouring sheets in the sanctuary at the activity table set up in the sanctuary near the AV equipment and you are welcome to utilize that space and young people are welcome to move around as they wish. A change station is located in the accessible washroom found in the west hall of the building. There are juice boxes and snacks always available. When we host communion, all ages are invited to the table. **We appreciate young people joining in our services and understand that they are learning the lay of the land as they go. Please don't feel uncomfortable as they are finding their way and feel free to move with them to attend to their needs.***

⇒ *Please be aware that our worship service is live streamed and recorded on the Internet. If you do not want to be filmed, please do not sit in or walk through the front centre rows or centre aisle at the front of the worship area during worship.*

If you present yourself on the dais, you are consenting to being filmed.

A “no video” zone is available in the chairs near the storage room on the west side of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions or require clarification, please ask. Thanks!

Gathering Music and Prelude

Welcome and announcements – *Life around Lansing*

Acknowledgement of the Territorial Land and What We Believe ~ *Please see screen*

We are called to breathe...

Lighting our guiding candles...

Opening Prayer

Gentle and gracious God,

Open us up to Your word.

Broaden our minds to see through the lens of mercy.

Fill our hearts with compassion and grace.

Lead us in the ways of justice, peace and truth. Amen

*** Hymn ~ VU #682 *O Day of Peace* (to the tune of Jerusalem)**

**O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.**

**May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.**

**Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,**

**all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

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A Story for the young and young at heart

There is no formal Sunday School during the summer. Brad always shares an all age's story early in the service. There is a small table for colouring in front of the AV desk in the sanctuary. Children are welcome to participate as they feel comfortable and are always welcome!

Prayer of Confession...

Loving God...

Forgive us when our faith bottoms out and we lose hope in the world around us.

Forgive us when hope gets replaced by cynicism.

Forgive us when we overlook the small miracles that happen all around us.

Give us the energy to lift one another up.

Give us hope to move past cynicism.

Give us the heart to see where help is needed.

Help us to be generous in words, in thoughts and with resources. Amen

Words of Assurance ~ Brad

Reading from our ancient scriptures...Matthew 14:13-21

After Jesus finds out everyone doubts him...

¹³⁻¹⁴ he gets the news and he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

¹⁵ Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.”

¹⁶ But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.”

¹⁷ “All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said.

¹⁸⁻²¹ Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

Pop-up Anthem

Reflection ~ What *is it to be really seen?*

Hymn ~ VU #356 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

**We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

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Affirmation of Faith~ A New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God**

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Offertory Hymn ~ MV #120 *My Soul Cries Out* (Refrain only)

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!**

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Offering ~ *although not currently passing the plate, you will find it as you enter the sanctuary. There are many ways of contributing to the life and work of Lansing United Church. Cash or cheque donations are appreciated, you can go on PAR (pre-authorized remittance taken from your account monthly), make an e-transfer, volunteer on one of our committees. We believe in doing what you can, when you can and give thanks for the many ways we can work together, sharing ideas, love, support and resources. May we be a blessing to many, in our own unique ways.*

Prayer Prelude ~ VU # 400 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

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Prayers of the People - *our tradition is, we will close with singing the Lord's Prayer this week.*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

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*** Hymn ~ VU #460 *All Who Hunger***

**All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

All who hunger, sing together;

**Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

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Closing Prayer

**God, we can't save the world,
but help us to make a difference in our small corner.
Send us from here in the light of hope, peace and love
and with a passion for living our faith out loud.
Bless those we love,
and those we don't keeping all of us in your care...Amen.**

A blessing as we go into our week... Brad

*** Sung Benediction**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

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*Thank you for joining us this morning for worship with Lansing United and to those who assisted with today's service. There are lots of ways to be involved in the life and work of the church and everyone is appreciated for the unique gifts that you bring! You can call the church office and leave a message and someone will get back to you with information 416•221•1722. You are welcome to contact Rev. Brad on his cell phone 416•268•7592 for urgent needs, to set up a visit or get information. He can also be reached by email at minister@lansingchurch.com. We do send out at least two weekly e-blasts and if you would like to be on this mail list, please let Brad know. **And most importantly, if there is***

something you didn't understand about the service today, want further discussion or to learn more about church committees and why we do things the way we do or offer feedback...please don't hesitate to contact Brad or speak with someone from the Lansing United Church Council. Just call the office and Rebecca will direct you to one of the council members.

Please notify the office if you or someone you know is ill or in hospital and needing some extra care, support and/or prayers. Brad is always happy to make a visit or have a phone conversation. If you have a specific prayer you would like shared on a Sunday morning during the prayers of the people, please let Brad know - keeping in mind, if the prayer is for someone other than yourself, that they are comfortable with sharing.

...in and around Lansing!

Coffee with Brad – there is **NO** Coffee with Brad during the month of August. It will resume September 9th.

The Lansing Coffee Bar – Open Sundays at 9:30am every week. During the summer, we serve Lemonade, but you are welcome to bring coffee with you. Come early, have a visit with friends, take some time for yourself...just come and be. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table if you can assist with set-up and take-down.

Summer Worship Leaders...

Sunday August 9th – Worship Team Collaborative

Sunday August 16th – Ael Spence

Sunday August 23rd – Ael Spence

Sunday August 30th – Rev. Brad Inglis

Sunday September 6th – Ael Spence

Psssst...save the date! Sunday, August 30th Doris Calvery turns 100! All being well, she wants to start her day with her Lansing family, where we will celebrate her and have cake following the service.

August Calendars are available at the Welcome Table.

Shining Waters Regional Council Prayer Cycle - Each week, our Region of the United Church - *Shining Waters*, invites us to pray for various congregations within our Region. This week we are invited to pray for St. Matthew's United Church in Richmond Hill,

Schomberg United Church and Chapel in the Park United Church in Toronto.

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