



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

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

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Worship Leadership this week: The Lansing Worship Collective

Sunday, August 9th, 2026 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

As we gather together, we acknowledge this sacred land. It has been a site of human activity for more than 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit. The Traditional Territory that Lansing United Church is on, falls under Treaty No. 13, agreed to by the Crown of England and the Chiefs of the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful for this land that was under their care. Our pledge is to care for this land as a symbol of our desire to walk with Indigenous peoples in a spirit of reconciliation and respect.

We are called to breathe...

Lighting our guiding candles...

Opening Prayer...

Great Giver of Dreams, be with us on this Sunday morning;

Allow our prayers and praise to soar, our imaginations to venture.

Inspirer of Faith, be with us on this Sunday morning;

Encourage us to hear the Word and make the Word live in our actions.

Just and Wonderful Friend, be with us on this Sunday morning;

Come with us to comfort those who have suffered loss and give the oppressed hope.

Eternal One, be with us on this Sunday morning;

**Open our eyes to perceive the new dawn of understanding and reconciliation
bursting forth in our midst. Amen**

*** Hymn ~ VU #409 *Morning Has Broken***

**Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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A Story for the young and young at heart – SKY WOMAN

There is no formal Sunday School during the summer. 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...

Great Spirit, when we encounter a different vision of your power and grace living and acting amongst people of a different culture, we instinctively shrink back in fear and refuse to hear or to understand. Yet your Truth is there before us. Forgive our hesitancy to acknowledge your wisdom, your love and care of all your people, of all your creation. Open us to your words of love and acceptance. Forgive us when our words and deeds hurt others.

Silent Reflection

Words of Grace:

**God hears our prayers. Jesus reaches out and lifts us up.
The Spirit surrounds us with new courage.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Words from our ancient scriptures ~ Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

22Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. 27But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” 28Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” 29He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

May these words be blessed to our understanding.

**Reflection ~ WATER WALKING and THE APOLOGY: 40 Years later
~ Rev. Dale Young**

*** Hymn VU #308 *Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works***

**Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.**

Grant unto us communion with you,

**O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us,
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.**

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Affirmation of Faith

**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.*

Call to Prayer:

Holy One, there are times when our vision of mission seems like a gentle cruise and we sail forth boldly.

Then the waves grow bigger and the winds howl in our rigging and we are afraid.

Holy One, we cry to you for help,

And suddenly you appear walking on the waves, there bedside us, and we are even more afraid.

Holy One, if it is you, call us forth!

And we step out on the waters. Then fear overcomes us again.

It is ever thus, O Holy One.

Prayers of the People and we will close with saying the Prayer of Jesus (VU #916)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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*** Hymn VU # 691 *Through Ancient Walls* (vv. 1, 3 & 5)**

**Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!**

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

**The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new.**

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

**This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery!**

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

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Closing Prayer

Go forth with us Jesus as we leave this sanctuary. Open our hearts and minds to see your presence in those around us. Help us to see with your eyes and with your love all around us especially those we may find unlovable. Keep all of us in your care. Amen.

A blessing as we go into our week... Rev. Dale

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.**

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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 the office 416-221-1722 or lansingunited@lansingchurch.com***

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.

Thank you to Rev. Dale and the Worship Collective for leading us in Worship this morning.

...in and around Lansing!

Coffee with Brad – On HIATUS until September 9th.

The Lansing Coffee Bar – Open Sundays at 9:30am every week. Come early, have a cup of lemonade before and after church – visit with friends, take some time for yourself...just come and be. ***Can you assist with coffee set up during August? Please sign up at the Welcome Table!***

Live stream of the service will not be available Sunday, September 6th. We hope that you can join us in person that Sunday morning.

Summer Worship Leaders...

Sunday, August 16th – Ael Spence

Sunday, August 23rd – Ael Spence

Sunday, August 30th - 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.

Giving with Intention....Many thanks to those who continue to fill our grocery cart at the front door of the church! Please note that if you cannot leave your items in the shopping cart we would ask that you donate them directly to the food bank. Ongoing staples that are required are school snacks, cereal, peanut butter, any and all hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, canned meats, jam. *Please note that if you make a*

monetary donation to The Food Hub, your tax receipt for a Food Bank donation will come directly from NeighbourLink.

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 Richmond Hill United Church, St. Matthew's United Church in Toronto and Islington United Church, Toronto.

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