



***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 Leader: Rev. Brad Inglis

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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***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.***

## **Gathering Music and Prelude**

**Welcome and announcements – *Life around Lansing***

**Minute for Mission – Doug**

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

**We are called to breathe...**

**Lighting our guiding candles...**

## **Opening Prayer**

God, we come before you with joyful hearts, anxious hearts,  
**thankful hearts, broken hearts, mended hearts.**

...and you take us just as we are.

**Bless us with Your healing love.**

**Help us to keep our doors of hospitality and compassion open.**

**Open our hearts to the mysteries of this world and all that You create.**

**Lead us in ways of truth and justice.**

**Give us the courage to seek new ways of sharing Your love. ~ Amen**

**\* 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.**

**A Story for the young and young at heart ~ *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me* by Eric Carle**

**There is no formal Sunday School during the summer. Brad always shares an all age's story early in the service. There is also 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...**

God, you call us to deepen our relationships,  
listen with empathy,  
look for the best in others,  
enjoy life to the fullest.

**Forgive us when we fall short of this.**

**Help us to be gentle with others and with ourselves.**

**Create in us the spirit of forgiveness so that we may forgive others.**

**Fill us with humour so that we may take things more lightly.**

**Push us to be active in our community, in our relationships and in our faith.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. ~ Amen**

**Words of Assurance.... Rev. Brad**

**Reading from our ancient scriptures...Luke 11:1-13 (Good News Bible)**

### **Jesus' Teaching on Prayer**

**11** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say this:

'Father:

May your holy name be honored;

may your Kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us day by day the food we need.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,

for we forgive everyone who does us wrong.  
And do not bring us to hard testing.’”

<sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to his disciples, “Suppose one of you should go to a friend's house at midnight and say, ‘Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread. <sup>6</sup> A friend of mine who is on a trip has just come to my house, and I don't have any food for him!’ <sup>7</sup> And suppose your friend should answer from inside, ‘Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> Well, what then? I tell you that even if he will not get up and give you the bread because you are his friend, yet he will get up and give you everything you need because you are not ashamed to keep on asking. <sup>9</sup> And so I say to you: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks. <sup>11</sup> Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? <sup>12</sup> Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? <sup>13</sup> As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

...words from our ancient scriptures offered up to you.

### **Musical Interlude**

**Reflection ~ ...*the God of unanswered prayers.***

**\* Hymn ~ VU #626 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live.'**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.**

### **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 #191 What Can I Do?***

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

**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.*

## **The celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Introduction...Brad**

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice,  
love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Then let us remember God's ways and seek to walk them together in unity and peace.

### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

### ***Breaking the Bread ~ Brad***

### ***Blessing the Meal***

### ***Together We Pray:***

**Creator God,  
we come before you as individuals,  
but together we make one body.  
It is through you that we are made whole.  
Help us to nourish one another and be true to this earth.  
Let your light be our light to shine out into the world.  
~ Amen**

### ***The invitation to share the Meal***



...this summer communion, is better known as an *Agape Meal*.

**Definition** - An **agape feast** or **lovefeast** (also spelled **love feast** or **love-feast**, sometimes capitalized) is a [communal meal](#) shared among [Christians](#).<sup>[2]</sup> The name comes from [agape](#), a Greek term for 'love' in its broadest sense.

The sacred elements we will use today are water – the source of all life, and grapes that remind us of Jesus, the fruit of the vine, the one who sustains and nourishes us.

Beginning with the grapes, we will serve one another as our sign of hospitality, grace and humility.

***Prayer after Communion:***

**Gracious God,**

**May your gifts of love transform and enliven us  
so that we may live lives of thanksgiving.**

**May your presence among us  
encourage us to seek justice,  
walk in peace with our sisters and brothers on this earth  
and live our lives with humility and the hope of tomorrow.**

**In Christ's name we pray.**

**~ Amen**

***Passing the Peace of Christ***

**Prayer Prelude ~ MV #62 *There Is Room for All***

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;**

**there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.**

**And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."**

**There is room for all, there is room for all!**

**Prayers of the people and as is our tradition, 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.

*\* Hymn ~ MV #213 Take Up His Song*

Take up his song of peace  
and go into the world.  
Take up his song of peace  
in ev'ry moment.  
In every moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down in peace,  
lay them down,  
and take up his song.

Take up his song of hope  
and go into the world.  
Take up his song of hope  
in ev'ry moment.  
In every moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down in hope,  
lay them down,  
and take up his song.

Take up his song of faith  
and go into the world.  
Take up his song of faith  
in ev'ry moment.  
In every moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down in faith,



lay them down,  
and take up his song.

Take up his song of love  
and go into the world.

Take up his song of love  
in ev'ry moment.

In every moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down in love,  
lay them down,  
and take up his song.

### Closing Prayer

God, as we leave this place, fill us with hope.  
Help us to be part of bringing peace to this world.  
Instill in us a vision of what heaven and earth can look like.  
Help us to walk softly in our journey of life.  
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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\* Postlude ~ *Prelude in c minor*, by E. Friedrich Richter

*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](mailto: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.*

## **...other info!**

**Coffee with Brad – This Wednesday 1 to 3 pm – July 30<sup>th</sup>.** Stop in for a visit, a biscuit and something to drink! We will be meeting in the Studio. ***Please note, there will be no coffee with Brad during the month of August. Coffee with Brad will begin again Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.***

**In case you missed it in the July 21st e blast, please join us in welcoming Dee to Lansing -** Dee Marksman-Phillpotts (they/them) is a Black non-binary creative and academic. They began their journey at Humber College, where they studied in the Comedy: Writing and Performance and Child and Youth Care programs. Dee holds a bachelor's degree in sexuality studies, as well as a Masters degree in Social Work. They are currently pursuing their PhD in Gender Studies. Dee has experience working in various parts of the social services sector, including school boards, community work, disability services, and the arts. Dee is committed to their research and work within marginalized communities, centering on people who experience anti-Black racism, gender-based violence, queer and transphobia, and poverty. Their goal is to work with marginalized community members who hold multiple identities to seek justice and thrive.

**Sunday School –** Regular Sunday School classes have ended until the Fall, however, children are still welcome of course! There will be colouring pages at the table in the Sanctuary and juice boxes and granola bars available. Children are always welcome and



can feel free to move around as best suits your family.

**The Lansing Coffee Bar** – Open Sundays at 9:30am every week. Come early, have a cup of coffee 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!***

☐ Live stream of the services will not be available on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. **We hope that you can join us in person those mornings.**

**Back to School Supply Drive** – Lansing is once again partnering with Elle Mollaei to collect back to school supplies for our local community. There is a collection box in the Church Office and the last day for donations is August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 pm in the Foyer.

### **Calling all volunteers**

If you are a volunteer with Lansing United Church or with the Nearly New Shop, we need you to complete this Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Online Training. The training takes about an hour and can be completed online at home. The purpose of the training is to guarantee our volunteers know how to interact with and help those with disabilities and to ensure our organization is meeting the required accessibility standards. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca in the office.

Please use the link below to complete your training. When completed, please send us an email to let us know. We appreciate your time and effort!

<https://aoda.ca/free-online-training/>

**Thank you to those of you that have already completed the training!**

### **From the UCC**

On Friday, August 8 (9 am MT), The United Church of Canada will offer a somber and historic apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities.

This formal apology reaffirms our commitment to radical hospitality and full inclusion of 2S and LGBTQIA+ people in all aspects of church life. It acknowledges past harm and shortcomings, while continuing to build towards a world of radical love and affirmation for all identities.

**If you would like to join the live stream, the link to register can be accessed through the UCC site or contact Rebecca in the office and she can email it to you.**

## Pulpit Supply while Brad is away...

Sunday, August 10th - Rev. Janet Smith-Zenwirt

Sunday, August 17th - Cheryl Stenson

Sunday, August 24th - Cheryl Stenson

Sunday, August 31st. - Cheryl Stenson



**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 McKeller United Church, Trinity United Church in Gravenhurst, Salem United Church in Caledon and St. Mark's United Church in Scarborough.

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**Worship:**  
Sundays 10 am  
Followed by  
refreshments  
and fellowship

# JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1  Office closed for Canada Day	2 1-3 pm Coffee with Brad 1pm Quilting	3	4	5	6 9:30 am Coffee Bar 10 am Worship Service
7	8 3 pm Outreach Fund distribution mtg	9 1-3 pm Coffee with Brad 1pm Quilting	10	11	12	13 9:30 am Coffee Bar 10 am Worship Service
14	15  Mystery Summer lunch outing - details to come!	16 1-3 pm Coffee with Brad 1pm Quilting	17	18	19	20 9:30 am Coffee Bar 10 am Worship Service
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