



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, October 19th, 2025 – 19th 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 have engaged the help of Ping (currently a University Student) to assist with care and activities in our Sunday School Room found in the north hall of the building, behind the kitchen with additional access to the north hall from the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Following the story time, Ping takes the children to the Sunday School Room.*

Parents/grandparents/caregivers are welcome to join your little person if they are feeling apprehensive and please know they are under excellent care with Ping. Feel free to check on them during the service. There is also an activity table set up in the sanctuary near the AV equipment and you are welcome to utilize that space as well. 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*

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...

God, be the persistent reminder that we need to keep rooted in our faith.

**Give us the courage to live lives that matter,
making a difference in this world.**

**Help us to be open to the cries for help
in this community and throughout the world.**

Enliven us with Your Spirit to seek justice and mercy for all.

Fill us with a peace that passes all understanding. ~ Amen

*** Hymn ~ MV # 142 *Oh a Song Must Rise***

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise once again.

Singing out God's praises and glory,

the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to

From the poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.

**Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

A Story for the young and young at heart

Following the story, Ping will take any children that are interested, to the Sunday School Room located in the back hall which can also be reached through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. There will be activities and the children are welcome to move back and forth between the two spaces. There is also a small table for colouring in front of the AV desk in the sanctuary.

Prayer of Confession

**God, at times when we can get lazy;
we can be indifferent to the needs around us,
lose our voice when we need to speak out against injustice,
let others carry the whole load,
lose ourselves in the status-quo.
Forgive us God for our indifference.
Empower us to support one another and those who are lost.
Help us to make room to pray without ceasing. ~ Amen**

Words of Assurance ~ Brad

Reading from our ancient scriptures....*Jeremiah 31:27-34* (Good News Version)

²⁷ "I, the LORD, say that the time is coming when I will fill the land of Israel and Judah with people and animals. ²⁸ And just as I took care to uproot, to pull down, to overthrow, to destroy, and to demolish them, so I will take care to plant them and to build them up. ²⁹ When that time comes, people will no longer say,

**'The parents ate the sour grapes,
But the children got the sour taste.'**

³⁰ Instead, those who eat sour grapes will have their own teeth set on edge; and everyone will die because of their own sin."

³¹ The LORD says, "The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the old covenant that I made

with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of Egypt. Although I was like a husband to them, they did not keep that covenant.³³ The new covenant that I will make with the people of Israel will be this: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.³⁴ None of them will have to teach a neighbor to know the LORD, because all will know me, from the least to the greatest. I will forgive their sins and I will no longer remember their wrongs. I, the LORD, have spoken.”

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

Anthem~ VU # 498 *God, Who Has Caused to be Written*

More words from our ancient scriptures... *Luke 18:1-8* (Good News Version)

...this is The Parable of the Widow and the Judge

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged.

2 “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people.

3 And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights,

saying, ‘Help me against my opponent!’

4 For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself,

‘Even though I don't fear God or respect people,

5 yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights.

If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!’”

6 And the Lord continued,

“Listen to what that corrupt judge said.

7 Now, will God not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him day and night for help?

Will he be slow to help them?

8 I tell you, he will judge in their favor and do it quickly.

But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?”

...words from our ancient scriptures offered up to you in the name of Jesus.

Reflection ~ *Persistence is the word of the day...*

*** Hymn ~ VU # 688 *O Day of God, Draw Nigh***

**O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power,
come with your timeless judgement now
to match our present hour.**

**Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.**

**Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.**

**Bring to our world of strife
your sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more
and desolation cease.**

**O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set
your judgements in the earth.**

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.*

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

** Hymn ~ VU # 806 O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Closing Prayer

God, You write Your love upon our hearts...
Lead us from here ready to take up Your call to peace and justice.
Create in us the spirit of welcome and grace.
Open us to the joys and responsibilities of creation.
Help us to be engaged in the everyday workings of this world.
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.

* Postlude

*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.

...in and around the church

Please join us in the Boardroom following the Worship service today for our Church Council meeting. This meeting is open to all.

Worship Meeting ~ the next Worship Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:30 pm in the Boardroom. All are welcome to attend.

Do you have a prayer request? Please let Brad know if you would like it shared during the prayers of the people.

Coffee with Brad ~ Wednesday's from 1pm to 3pm. All are welcome! This is just a drop in, come at any time.

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 Central United Church in Toronto, Seabreeze United Church in Dwight and Utterson United Church in Port Sydney.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Quilting 1-3 pm Coffee with Brad 1-3 pm Choir 7 pm	2	3	4 1:30-4:30 Blanket Exercise in Sanctuary	5 9:30 Coffee Bar 10 am Worship Service, Sunday School Fire Drill World Communion Sunday
6	7 2SLGBTQIA+ Seniors + Friends 12-2 Rm 217	8 Quilting 1-3 pm Coffee with Brad 1-3 pm NO Choir	9	10	11	12 9:30 Coffee Bar 10 am Worship Service, Sunday School
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How to become involved in different ways at Lansing United Church...



Christianity can be confusing, but
the way of Jesus was pretty clear.

Move toward the poor
Empower the woman
Create space at the table
Throw parties
Widen the family boundaries
Poke holes in oppressive systems
Don't retaliate with violence
Forgive your enemy
Don't store up wealth
Be present with people

Heal
Announce
Push back darkness

The kingdom of God is near

—Dan Sadlier