



***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, February 1st, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

*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 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.*

☞ 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...**

**Creating God,  
You call us to justice and love,  
give us the courage to follow.  
Open us to new ways of serving one another.  
Lead us in ways that are humble and gracious.**

We give thanks for this opportunity to gather,  
in worship, prayer and thanksgiving. ~ Amen

\* Hymn ~ VU #498 *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

**O Christ, the Word incarnate,  
O wisdom from on high,  
O truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.**

**Your people hold this treasure  
from you, its source divine,  
a light that to all ages  
throughout the earth will shine;  
it is the chart and compass  
that all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and tempest,  
still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**O make your church, dear Saviour,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
your true light as of old;  
O teach your wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, cloud and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.**

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**A Story for the young and young at heart ...*The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield**  
*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.

## A call to action...

Jesus blessed the children, those with no money, no possessions, no control over their destiny.

**We are called to care for the children and those who fall through the cracks.**  
Jesus blessed those who struggle to fit into society, the lepers and those with mental illness.

**We are called to share our resources and support those who don't always fit in.**  
Jesus blessed those who have loved and lost, the elderly and the frail.

**We are called to comfort those with grieving hearts & who have lost their independence**

Jesus blessed his friends, the disciples, even when they let him down.

**We are called to be open to God's blessing,  
even when God seems absent and we feel at a loss.**

## Words of Assurance ~ Brad

Reading from our ancient scriptures...*Matthew 5:1-12 (Good News Translation)*

## The Sermon on the Mount

**5** Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him,<sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them:

### True Happiness

<sup>3</sup> “Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor;  
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

<sup>4</sup> “Happy are those who mourn;  
God will comfort them!

<sup>5</sup> “Happy are those who are humble;  
they will receive what God has promised!

<sup>6</sup> “Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;  
God will satisfy them fully!

<sup>7</sup> “Happy are those who are merciful to others;  
God will be merciful to them!

<sup>8</sup> “Happy are the pure in heart;  
they will see God!

<sup>9</sup>“Happy are those who work for peace;  
God will call them his children!

<sup>10</sup>“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires;  
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

<sup>11</sup>“Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. <sup>12</sup>Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

**Ancient words written for all times....thanks be to God.**

**Anthem ~ TLUS #128 *Blessed are you who are poor***

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**More words from our ancient scriptures... *Micah 6:6-8 (Good News Translation)***

**What the LORD Requires**

<sup>6</sup>What shall I bring to the LORD, the God of heaven, when I come to worship him?  
Shall I bring the best calves to burn as offerings to him? <sup>7</sup>  
Will the LORD be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep  
or endless streams of olive oil?  
Shall I offer him my first-born child to pay for my sins? <sup>8</sup>  
No, the LORD has told us what is good.  
What he requires of us is this:  
to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.

**...may these words from our ancient scriptures be blessed to our understanding.**

**Reflection ~ *You're Going To Make It After All....***

**\* 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 ev'ry 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 ev'ry 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 ev'ry 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 ev'ry moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down,  
in love,  
lay them down, and take up his song.

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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 #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.**

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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 and as is our tradition, we will close with singing the Lord's Prayer.**

**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 ~ MV #209 *Go, Make a Diff'rence***

**Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

**We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.**

We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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## Closing Prayer

God, help us to be a blessing out in the world.  
Give us the capacity to comfort, honour and be merciful.  
Help us to learn from the pure of heart,

and follow a path of peace.

Empower us to grow in our faith and be open to the Spirit.

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.

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### \* 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](mailto: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

Format of the Annual Meeting next Sunday, February 8th

## Note from Brad...

An annual report is not only required as part of our charter as a registered charity, but also a requirement to be part of the United Church of Canada. It is a public document that ensures transparency about the things we do, how we manage and spend our funds and is an accounting to ensure we are meeting our mandate as a church community of faith. I did a quick count in my head and realize that over the years, I have been responsible for organizing more than 30 annual meetings in various sectors besides church. What I have learned is, **if we have to do it anyway**, we might as well have fun, do it well and sing the song of the successes from the previous year. In other words, this is our opportunity to boast, to plan, to celebrate and **give thanks!** As a community of faith - our Annual Meeting is where we share how we are living our faith and being active in our call, as followers of Jesus Christ.

As done at various times in Lansing's history, the Annual Meeting will be part of the service on Sunday, February 8th. Church will begin as usual at 10am (with coffee and tea and juice ready for 9:30). There will be our traditional opening and prayers, a hymn, the choir will sing and the scripture we are working from is ***1 Corinthians 12:12–27***. I encourage you to look it up if you can, because it is important in all aspects of our life, not just church. There will be a short break for refreshments and then the Annual Meeting will begin, graciously being chaired by our Past Chair, David Otty. The meeting will finish and we will complete the service, ending with our traditional hymn, ***Go Now In Peace.***

## Help with the Annual Meeting preparation and snacks...Sunday, February 8th

We need help in preparing the snacks (a giant fruit salad) to sustain us during the Annual Meeting, with some setup and take-down, we will need help transforming everything back after the service, so that it is ready for when the Alpha Korean Church arrives at 12:30.

- If you can help, we will meet in the kitchen at 9am (or there about) to cut up fruit for the fruit salad, slice cake and organize drinks. Shirley Grant will direct the fruit salad making and we will assign other duties for the setup. All of the supplies will be there already.

*....many thanks for pitching in!*

**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.

**\$100 Challenge!** What can you do with \$100 from our Outreach Fund, to make a difference in someone's life? Talk to Brad about picking up your \$100 and then report back, on how you made difference in someone's life.

**Looking to make a difference?** Join the Drop-Inn at Cummer Avenue United Church! The program runs Wednesdays from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, with volunteer shifts of only a few hours, with flexible scheduling.

Volunteer roles include **kitchen helpers, meal servers, clothing bank support, greeters and more!**

If you're interested, please contact the Drop-Inn Coordinator at [cauc.dropinn@gmail.com](mailto:cauc.dropinn@gmail.com) or leave a voice mail at **416-222-5417 ext. 204.**

**Plastic containers** – There are several plastic containers on the filing cabinet in the church office. Please feel free to check if they are yours and take them if they belong to you. Thanks!

**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 Hope United Church in Toronto, Knox United Church in Agincourt and Bala United Church.

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10 am Worship

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9:30 am Coffee Bar

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10 am Worship Service  
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9:30 am Coffee Bar

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