



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, May 3rd, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter

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.

✍ 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...

Nurturing and loving God,

Open us to the worship of this day,

the ability and luxury to meet freely,

to love freely, to be our authentic selves.

Help us to not live in the shadow, of fear but rather

**But live in the light of hope.
Don't let us focus on scarcity,
give us the courage to celebrate our abundance.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

*** Hymn ~ TLUS # 23 *For everyone born***

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.**

Chorus

**And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy.**

**For all who share life, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair,**

Chorus

**And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy.**

**For those we neglect, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For those we neglect, the right to belong,**

Chorus

**And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators**

Of justice, justice and joy.

**For all who have breath, a place at the table,
A covenant shared, a welcoming space,
A rainbow of race and gender and colour,
For all who have breath, the chalice of grace,**

Chorus

**And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy.**

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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

Gracious God...

When we forget we are one...

Forgive us.

When we don't feel Your presence...

Comfort us.

When we lose our way...

Make Your path known to us.

When we are tired and worn out.

Help us to rest in Your arms.

Help us to breathe in Your love.

Help us to feel the comfort of Your grace. Amen

Words from our ancient scriptures...Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (Good News Translation)

I come to you, LORD, for protection;
never let me be defeated.

You are a righteous God;
save me, I pray!

² Hear me! Save me now!

Be my refuge to protect me;
my defense to save me.

³ You are my refuge and defense;
guide me and lead me as you have promised.

⁴ Keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me;
shelter me from danger.

⁵ I place myself in your care.
You will save me, LORD;
you are a faithful God.

May these words of scripture, life us up. Thanks be to God.

Anthem ~ MV # 216 *Wherever You May Go*

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More words from our ancient scriptures...John 14:1-14 (NRSV Revised Updated Version)

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not

believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe^[e] because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me^[f] for anything, I will do it.

Reflection...Brad – *Hitting that bump in the road...*

*** Hymn ~ MV #154 *Deep in Our Hearts***

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision
Deep in our hearts there is a common song
Deep in our hearts there is a common story
Telling Creation that we are one**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message
Justice and peace in harmony**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme
Deep in our hearts there is a common current
Flowing to freedom like a stream**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision
Deep in our hearts there is a common song
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Telling Creation that we are one**

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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.*

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 saying 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 #421 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence***

**Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us,
new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**

**Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering,
for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.**

**Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.**

**We pray our sons and daughters
may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

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Closing Prayer

God of hope and abundant love,
help us to recognize you in others.
Help us to walk the path of Jesus
and know that we do so with inclusivity and love.
Send us out into the world,
full of hope and peace and the reminder that none of us are alone.
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 ~ *The Homecoming*, Haygood Hardy

*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 Lansing!

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

Avondale and West Lansing Spaghetti Town Hall *Free Event* May 05, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Lansing United Church

Enjoy a community dinner with neighbours, meet city staff, share ideas, discuss concerns and contribute to the future of our neighbourhood. Topics to be discussed include parks, safety, etc. **RSVP <https://www.lilycheng.ca/event-details-registration/avondale-west-lansing-spaghetti-town-hall-free-event>**

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 a difference in someone's life.

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 Nobleton United Church Humbervale United Church, Toronto Roncesvalles United Church, Toronto

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