



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

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

Music Director: Chris Kovarik • Office Administrator: Rebecca Scanga

Guest Worship Leader: The Rev. Janet Smith Zenwirt

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Creation Time begins

Ice Cream Sunday

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 ~ *Please see screen*

We are called to breathe...

Lighting our guiding candles...

Opening Prayer

**Great Spirit God,
We give you thanks for another day on this earth.
We give you thanks for this day to enjoy
the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator.
We acknowledge with one mind
our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life.
Bind us together in the circle of compassion
to embrace all living
creatures and one another.**

(Anishinaabeg Evening Prayer)

*** Hymn ~ VU #556 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families***

**Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.**

**When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.**

**From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.**

**Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.**

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A Story for the young and young at heart... Rev. Janet

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 of Living Water, you promise to be with us
When we pass through troubled waters.

**Yet we confess that we doubt your presence when the storms are
Gathering around us.**

**We have forgotten that the River of Life flows
from you and abandoned our care for the oceans, lakes, and rivers.
Forgive us, O God.**

Words of Assurance ~ Rev. Janet

Reading from our ancient scriptures... Psalm 23 (a *paraphrase* by Nan C. Merrill.
Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness)

O my Beloved, you are my shepherd,
I shall not want;
You bring me to green pastures for rest
and lead me beside still waters
renewing my spirit,
You restore my soul,
You lead me in the path of goodness
to follow Love's way.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow
and of death,
I am not afraid;
for You are ever with me;
Your rod and your staff

they guide me,
they give me strength and comfort.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of all my fears;
You bless me with oil,
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy
will follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved
Forever.

Ancient words to remind us of our Christian journey....thanks be to God.

Anthem ~ MV #174 *Soil of God, You and I*

Contributors: Jim Hannah

More words from our ancient scriptures.... Exodus 15: 1-11, 20-21 The Inclusive Bible

1Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to YHWH:

“To you, O God, I sing:

you have triumphed powerfully;

horse and charioteer

you have flung into the sea!

2YHWH is our strength and our courage;

you have become our deliverance.

you are YHWH – we will praise you;

the God of our ancestors – we exalt you!

3YHWH is a warrior;

‘I AM’ is your Name!

4Pharoah’s chariots and army

you have hurled into the sea;

Pharoah’s choicest warriors

sank in the Sea of Reeds.

5The deep waters consumed them; they sank to the bottom like a stone.

6Your right hand, O YHWH,

is mighty in power.

Your right hand, O YHWH,

shattered our foe.

7In the splendor of your power
you threw down those who defied you;
you released your wrath like fire,
which consumed them like stubble.

8With a blast of your nostrils
the waters piled up.

The waves stood like a dam,
waters congealing in the depths of the sea.

9The foe boasted,

‘I will chase them,

I will overcome them!

I will divide the plunder;

I will feast on the spoils.

Armed with my sword

I will destroy them handily!’

10But you poured out your breath
and the sea enveloped them.

They sank like lead
into the raging waters.

11Who is like you among the gods,

O YHWH?

Who is like you –

majestic in holiness,

awesome and praiseworthy

wonder-worker?

20Then Aaron’s sister, the prophet Miriam, picked up a tambourine, and all the women,
followed her, dancing, with tambourines,

21wile Miriam sang:

“Sing to YHWH

who has triumphed gloriously,

who has flung horse and rider

into the sea!”

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

Reflection ~ Dancing with Tears in My Eyes

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Hymn ~ MV #135 *Called by Earth and Sky*

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high,
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious these waters endless seas,
deep oceans dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.**

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high,
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious this gift, the air we breathe,
wind born and free,
Breath of the Spirit blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.**

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high,
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious these mountains,
ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.**

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high,**

**This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrow undone,
our faith and justice one.**

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high,
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

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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 #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.*

Offering Prayer ~ Let us pray.

Loving God, you give us our daily bread so that we may thrive.

In gratitude, receive our offerings.

**May you bake them into bread so that others
may be nourished in their lives. Amen.**

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 the Lord's Prayer.

(Today, we will say another version of the Lord's Prayer as printed. It was written by John Philip Newell as "The Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus".)

Ground of all being,
Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
May your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today
And for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
As we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
But lead us into new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life
Are yours now and forever. Amen

** Hymn ~ VU #240 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.**

**Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

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Closing Prayer

Adapted from John O'Donahue, To Bless the Space Between Us – A Morning Offering

Eternal One, send us from here filled with renewed hope
and a sense of wonder.

**May we have the courage today
To live the life that we would love,
To postpone our dreams no longer
But do at last what we came here for
And waste our hearts on fear no more.
Amen.**

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

*** 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

*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 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.

Please join us in the Foyer for a cool ice cream treat following the service today. Vegan, lactose and gluten-free options are available. Thank you to the Worship Team for organizing this annual event!

Thank you Rev. Janet for leading us in Worship today.
We looked forward to having you back!

...in and around Lansing!

Survey – Call for your ideas – Thank you to all who completed the survey. Results will be released soon!

The Lansing Coffee Bar – Open Sundays at 9:30am every week. **A couple of things to think about for this fall....**we are looking for folks to sign up to assist with the coffee bar - set-up and take-down. **Instructions are provided! Please sign-up at the Welcome Table if you can help!** We would also like to reduce our use of paper cups – **would you consider bringing your own mug and being responsible for it?**

Coffee with Brad – Resumes Wednesday at 1 pm in the Foyer.

Church Council Meeting - Join us Sunday, September 27th in the Boardroom following the 10 am Worship Service for our next Council meeting. **All are welcome.**

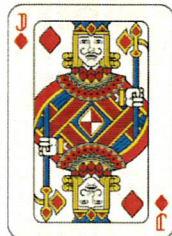
Calling all Vendors – November 21st Lansing will be hosting a Holiday Market. If you are a vendor or know of a vendor who may be interested, please reach out to Susan at susan.horne@senecaretirees.ca

Tables are available for \$35.00 and there is more information available at the Welcome Table.

Rainbow Seniors – There is a new tri-fold with the September dates available at the Welcome Table. **The September 22nd AI Café session's theme is "Room Makeover".**

Nearly New Shop – The shop will be open on Saturday, September 26th from 10-1.

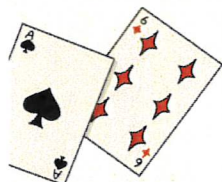
Shining Waters Regional Council Prayer Cycle - Each week, our Region of the United Church - *Shining Waters*, invites us to pray for various congregations within our Region. This week we are invited to pray for Gilford United Church, Emsdale United Church in Kearney and Metropolitan United Church in Toronto



WEEKLY EUCHRE AND GAMES

**MONDAYS 1-3 PM IN THE STUDIO
SEPTEMBER 21- NOVEMBER 30**

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