



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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Brad Inglis & Rev. Dr. Shawn Redden

VAM (Volunteer Associate Minister) Rev. Dale Young

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

All Hallow's Eve – All Saints - All Souls Day

"Lifting the Thin Veil Between Heaven and Earth"

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*

Introduction about today's service ~ Shawn Redden

We are called to breathe...

Lighting our guiding candles...

Opening Prayer

**Adapted by Shawn Redden, from “All Around Halloween”,*

Ruth Burgess (ed), Wild Goose Publications, www.ionabooks.com

Let warmth and lanterns gather us
Let the candle flames flicker and dance,
Let the gift of spiritual community welcome us
Let us pray and say:

All: May it be so.

Let us come with all that we are.
Let wonder and mystery grow in us.
Let the Holy shimmer and shine

Let us pray and say,

All: May it be so.

Let the stillness quiet us.

Let stories and memories rise in us.

Let us be aware of God in our midst.

Let us pray and say:

All: May it be so.

*** Hymn ~ VU #710 *Shall We Gather at the River***

**Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

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A Story for the young and young at heart... *Leo Learns About All Saints' Day*

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 Prayer of Healing...

**Adapted by Janice MacLean & Shawn Redden from Roddy Hamilton*

A Song of Assurance of Grace ~ MV#90 Don't Be Afraid (2x)

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**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

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Reading from our ancient scriptures... Ecclesiastes 3:1-5, 14-15 NIV

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

¹⁵ Whatever is has already been,
and what will be has been before;
and God will call the past to account.^[b]

May this scripture remind us of how precious life is....thanks be to God.

Reflection ~ *Samhain & All Hallow's Eve*

Shawn and Brad

*** Hymn ~ VU #504 (vv. 1&2) *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord***

**How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are over all
and will not let us fall.**

**But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear,
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.**

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Reflection ~ *All Saints & All Souls*

Shawn and Brad

*** Hymn ~ VU #504 (vv. 3&4) *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord***

**We mark your saints, how they become
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.**

**In what you give us, here, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines and ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon -
all you endeavoured done.**

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Reading ~ *All Hallows - All Saints - All Souls - All Holy* *by Ruth Burgess*

Anthem ~ *Who are these, like stars*

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An Affirmation of Faith Romans 8:35-39 *(adapted; arranged by Ruth Burgess)*

Honouring our own Souls & Saints

Remembering those saints from our lives that have gone before us....if you wish, you are welcome to use the paper and pencils/pens to write the names of your saints and add them to the Blessing Bowl.

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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 #705 *For All the Saints* (vv. 1-3, 6)**

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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Closing Prayer

**God, send us back out into the world recharged and replenished!
Never forgetting that our saints who have gone before us, walk with us always.
Fill us with Your grace. Guide us from a place of basic kindness for all.
Move us to an understanding of justice and compassion.
Give us the courage to live our faith out loud.
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

*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.

Special thanks!

Many thanks to the Rev. Dr. Shawn Redden for their gifts of faith and creativity, in pulling this service together today and thank you for leading us in worship. We would also like to wish Shawn well as they make the transition from Shining Waters Regional Council to her new position at the Atlantic School of Theology beginning in January. Thank you Shawn for your leadership, affirming spirit and grace for putting up with Brad. Your presence will be missed!

We also want welcome back Alexa Ball. Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us this morning.

...in and around Lansing!

Weekly Euchre and Games – Join us Monday from 1-3 pm in the Studio. All playing levels welcome. Free.

Nearly New Shop – OPEN Saturday, November 7th 10-1. We hope to see you there!

Euchre Tournament – Join us Saturday, November 14th from 1-4 pm in Hall #1 for some euchre. There will be light refreshments and prizes. \$10.00 a person. Register with this link <https://forms.gle/oEdfbXYahVAiNpEY6>

or by scanning the QR Code below:



Tinsel and Treats Holiday Market – Saturday, November 21st from 10-2:30 in the Foyer and Hall # 1. Join us as we welcome artists, artisans and a pop-up mini putt to Lansing. Entry to the market is free.

NEXT Church Council Meeting – November 22nd following the 10 am Worship Service. All are welcome.

November calendars for events at LUC are available at the Welcome Table.

Coffee with Brad ~ Wednesday's from 1 to 3 in the foyer. Pop in and say hello, enjoy some fellowship, have a coffee...see what treats there are. This is just a drop-in any time between 1 and 3, come at any time – bring a friend, invite your neighbour. Our conversation is wide and varied and all are welcome!

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 Deutsche Evangeliumskirche United Church in Toronto, Forest Hill United Church in Toronto and Onnuri Korean United Church in Toronto

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