Temperanceville United Church
Sunday, October 25, 2026

We celebrate the 217th Anniversary of the Temperanceville community.

Temperanceville Mission Statement
We strive to lead by example through our God-given gifts,
that unite our church community with respect and enthusiasm.

Prelude

Welcome

MUSIC *Pure Love* MV 31 Choir

<u>This Holy Place</u>

One: This Holy Place is the Creation of God.
Holy men, women and children
have lived here and have cared for this land
for thousands of years,
long before newcomers arrived from western Europe
and other newcomers joined them at first from Japan
and then from all over the world.
Indigenous families and pioneer families
befriended one another according to the witness
of the Beynon diaries and personal letters
written in the nineteenth century.
Let us give thanks for the first families who lived here,
who honoured the Creator and creation,
the indigenous families of Turtle Island
on whose homeland the pioneers settled.
All: We give thanks for the land where we worship.

One: Temperanceville United Church is in Richmond Hill, which is on the Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations of the Williams Treaty. This area is also a part of the traditional territories of the Huron Wendat and Haudenosaunee peoples.

All: We give thanks for their respect and care for the land.
We give thanks for their kindness to pioneers
and their generous assistance to pioneers in distress.

<u>Love's Corners at Temperanceville</u>

What's in a name? In 1809 the Love family invited neighbours to worship with them in their home. The Love family home was so close to the present location of the church, that the distance would be measured better in feet, than in miles. The neighbourhood was known as Love's Corners. While the Love family moved out of the neighbourhood, LOVE, God's LOVE, never left. God's LOVE is here, always with us.

The Love's Corners community built a log church at first and then replaced that with a brick church in 1854. God's LOVE also moved the hearts and minds of the Love's Corners community to raise awareness about the harm of alcoholism and to make a difference about it. The word "temperance" means abstinence from alcoholic drink. Several Temperance Societies carried out that ministry. Their strong impact led to re-naming the neighbourhood and the congregation Temperanceville.

The brick church where we worship was built in 1897. Everything here is LOVE'S gift, delivered through Temperancevillians through whom God's LOVE creates new gifts for new times. Watch for and prepare yourself for LOVE'S new gifts for new times!

Call to Worship

One: Are you curious about what is in God's mind?
All: God is creating something new, that all may thrive!
One: Day by day, Anniversary cycle by Anniversary cycle,
God has created new ways for new circumstances,
with the Temperaneville community.
All: In continuity with the gifts of the past
and the gifts of the present,
we embrace God's guidance on LOVE's way.
One: We celebrate 217 years of gifts, friendship,
worship, service, learning and play.
All: We celebrate those who were here before us.
Some of them, for some of us, are in our sacred memories.
One: Today let us celebrate, give thanks, feast and play!

The Christ Candle and the Every-Child-Matters Candle

One: We give thanks for the Christ Light.
All: May the Christ Light show us LOVE's way.
One: On LOVE's way we also light an orange candle
for the love of every child, because every child matters.
All: Every child matters to God and to us.

Announcements

MUSIC ***Let Us Build a House*** **MV 1**

Prayer of Approach **A Thanksgiving Prayer**

One: God of LOVE,
we thank you for the witness of the Beynon diaries
and some letters written in the 19th century
about personal friendships
among indigenous families and pioneer families
who lived in mutual respect.
All: We thank you for the compassionate assistance
of indigenous friends who provided
life-saving first aid for injury
with their traditional knowledge of effective health care.
One: We give thanks for the compassionate assistance
of indigenous friends who provided hospitality in their home
to a settler family whose log cabin burned down in winter.
All: For indigenous teachings emphasizing respect for all
we give thanks.
One: Jesus also told us to love one another,
to respect all in humility and to help those who are vulnerable.
All: For the teachings of Jesus to live in humble harmony
and to help those who are vulnerable, we give you thanks.

One: God of LOVE,
you inspired early pioneers and later settlers
to gather in community and to seek LOVE's way.
All: We continue to gather in community
and to seek LOVE's way.
One: Many have shaped the Temperanceville community
with their ancestral gifts and adaptation to new circumstances.
All: For their contributions
and for their willingness to change and learn new ways
and for their humility to seek living in harmony
we give you thanks.
One: For the gifts of the past and the gifts of the present
we give you thanks.
All: With open minds and open hearts
we embrace your guidance on LOVE's way,
that all may thrive in harmony with your good creation,
in harmony with nature on Temperanceville Common,
in harmony with others in the congregation
and in harmony with neighours around us
and global neighbours with whom we share Mother Earth.
One: For these blessings and more, we give thanks. Amen.

MUSIC ***Piano*** **Rachel Kim**

Prayer for the Children and the Youth
All: We pray for the children and for the youth. We give thanks for the gifts they share in the Temperanceville community. May they grow and thrive on LOVE's way. Amen.

Inspired Children and Inspired Youth

MUSIC ***God of the Bible*** **MV 28**

Lord's Prayer
All: 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 and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

MISS GRACE leads children to Sunday School

Bible Reading **Deuteronomy 34:1-12 NRSV**

Message ***Moses looks back and ahead*** **Rev. Tim Dayfoot**

MUSIC ***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*** **VU 315**

Invitation to the Offering
One: Your goodwill offerings for Temperanceville United Church are welcome and accepted with gratitude.

Doxology ***Here We Bring Small, or Great***
Here we bring, small or great,
Gifts to offer on this plate,
What we've earned, what we own,
Tithe or token, bread or stone.
Jesus said: "Have a care – your heart will always be
Where your riches are, where your riches are."

Thanksgiving and Blessing the Gifts
One: God of love,
We give thanks for the Holy Spirit at work in us and in others.
We give thanks for the immensely powerful gifts of Temperanceville volunteers.
We give thanks for all financial gifts. They are gifts of loving kindness.
We give thanks for all gifts, shared in all ways. We give thanks for Temperancevillians.
All: God of love,
with you we bless all gifts, to express your love in the community. Amen.

Prayers of the People

MUSIC ***Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*** **VU 651**

Blessing
One: Go on LOVE's way.
All: May LOVE's way unfold
for the Temperanceville community
with new gifts for new times.
One: Go in the peace and love of Jesus Christ.
May peace spread around you.

MUSIC ***Go Now in Peace*** ***Go Now in Peace***
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every 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.

*or "surrounding us with love"

Invitation to Anniversary Lunch in Umehara Hall ***and good-bye to friends on Zoom***

We thank Rev. Tim Dayfoot for sharing his gifts.
We thank Rachel Kim for sharing her gifts.