

Sunday August 17, 2025 – Order of Service
Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Tracy Crick-Butler

Welcome & Lighting the Christ Candle

Are you looking for something you can believe in? Please come in and have a seat.
Are you looking for a community that you can truly belong to? You have found a place here.
Are you looking for a connection with other people who are searching, just like you? Welcome.
Everyone is welcome here. The Candle is lit.

Introduction of Guest Minister - Rev. Dr. Tracy Crick-Butler

Tracy was born and raised in London, ON, graduated from King's College with a Bachelor of Social Work and was a candidate for ministry through Wesley-Knox United Church. She received her Master of Divinity (1996), her Master in Pastoral Studies (1998) at Emmanuel College and was ordained in 1996. Having served churches in Huron-Perth, Middlesex, London, and Oxford, she loves to preach, to wrestle with scripture, and to find ways to see God in our everyday experiences.

While serving her congregations, she attended school and graduated with her Doctorate in Biblical Preaching in 2020 and then decided to take her commitment to pastoral care in a new direction and went on to pursue her Master of Social Work, graduating in 2023. She currently has a private counselling practice and is excited when she gets the opportunity to preach and lead worship.

Acknowledgement of the Land I acknowledge that the territory that Dunwich United Church is on and which the Antler River Watershed Region covers is in the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations including the Anishinaabe, Chonnonton, Haudenosaunee, and Leni-Lenape Peoples. It is the current home of four sovereign Nations, and I list them now by their community names: Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Delaware Nation at Moraviantown, Munsee-Delaware Nation, and Oneida Nation of the Thames. Guided by the Word of God, the life of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit, I am committed to the principle of putting our land acknowledgements into concrete actions and grow a just and fair future for everyone.

Announcements

Praise Hymn **Come In, Come In and Sit Down**, VU # 395

Refrain	You know the	God is with us in	There's life to be	There's rest for the
Come in, come in	reason why you	this place,	shared in the bread	weary and health for
and sit down,	came,	Like a mother's	and the wine;	us all;
You are a part of	Yet no reason can	warm embrace.	We are the	There's a yoke that
the family.	explain;	We're all forgiven by	branches, Christ is	is easy, and a
We are lost and we	So, share in the	God's grace,	the vine.	burden that's small.
are found,	laughter and cry in	For we are a part of	This is God's	So come in and
And we are a part of	the pain,	the family.	temple, it's not	worship and answer
the family.	For we are a part of	Refrain	yours or mine,	the call,
	the family.		But we are a part of	For we are a part of
	Refrain		the family.	the family.
			Refrain	Refrain

Call to Worship

L: Come in. Come in and sit down. You are a part of the family.

P: Whether I come on my own or with others, here I know that we are all part of God's family.

L: In this place I pray that you find welcome, hope and nurturing for your soul.

P: I come in search of God and in anticipation of how God might speak to my heart today.

L: With open hearts and searching spirits, let's worship God together.

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Morning Has Broken*, VU # 409

Morning has broken like the first morning,	Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,	Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.	Like the first dew fall on the first grass.	Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!	Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,	Praise with elation, praise every morning,
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!	Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.	God's re-creation of the new day!

Offering Invitation & Prayer

Children's Ministry

Lord's Prayer Spoken

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Message Blessed

Prayers of the People

Parting Hymn *Praise With Joy the World's Creator*, VU # 312

Praise with joy the world's Creator,	Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,	Praise the Spirit sent among us,	Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
God of justice, love, and peace,	Frees the captive, finds the lost,	Liberating truth from pride,	One God in community, Calling Christians to embody
Source and end of human knowledge,	Heals the sick, upsets religion,	Forging bonds where race or gender,	Oneness and diversity.
God whose grace shall never cease.	Fearless both of fate and cost.	Age or nation dare divide.	This the world shall see reflected:
Celebrate the Maker's glory,	Celebrate Christ's constant presence:	Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:	God is one and One in Three.
Power to rescue and release.	Friend and stranger, guest and host.	Foolishness none dare deride.	

Benediction & Commissioning

Choral Amen

Extinguish the Christ Candle