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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
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Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026

Earth Day Service

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

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We Approach God

Centering:

Welcome to this Earth Day Service. Everyone is invited to participate as they feel comfortable in this time of worship. We are grateful for the privilege to gather in this time and space. We pause to acknowledge our relationship to the physical places that we have gathered in and our relationship with the people who gather here with us and who have gathered here before us.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Long, long ago, Creator God chose land to create the first beings made in the image of God - humans. From that moment, until this very moment, we are creatures of land. We honour Creator, and the land, when we walk gently, act in ways to help not just humans but all life, and know we are stewards - temporary caretakers - of this Eden. We sin when we break the relationships among people, land, creatures, waters, skies. This truth has been known by First Nations people since that long, long ago time. This truth is being relearned by settler peoples, who forgot this truth, or chose to ignore it. We acknowledge today this land is not our own. We are guests of Creator. This place, Waabijewung, Little Current, Mnidoo Mnis, Manitoulin Island, this place has been cared for by Odawa, Ojibwe, and Pottawatomi Anishinaabeg for generations upon generations. To honour God is to honour traditional stewardship, and to join with First Nations in caring for this land from which we are all made.

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rain comes after drought. Spring manifests rebirth. The cycle of seasons is unending. Energy never dies. It transforms. As we light this candle we are living in the energy that never dies, the light that inspires and transforms us to love the world with the love and light of Christ.

Light the Christ Candle.

Water Blessings

Water is a gift of life, a symbol of God's grace in our lives. Water nourishes us. As Christians, we are baptized by water and the Spirit, enfolded into the Christ community.

We know there are times and spaces where water is lacking, where water is polluted, where water is commodified, and where water floods. We pray that all of Creation has access to clean, sustaining, abundant water. (Pour Water)

God of Life, we ask that you bless this water, a sign of your grace, that continues to sustain us as we journey toward truth, confession, and a turning again toward you and toward each other. God of Life, fill this water, fill us with your reconciling love. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Water Song: Listen to The Nibi (Water) Song by Doreen Day.

Learn more about the song on the Mother Earth Water Walk website.

Anishnawbe words: N-be Gee Zah- gay- e- goo, Gee Me-gwetch – wayyn ne-me – goo, Gee Zah Wayn ne-me- goo

English translation: Water, we love you. We thank you. We respect you.

Call to Worship:

Come all who seek the way of love,
To praise and worship the God of extravagant welcome,
Come all who seek vitality,
To praise and worship the God of abundant life,
Come all who seek connection,
To praise and worship the God of all Creation.

Opening Hymn:

“Water Flowing From the Mountains”

MV 87

5.

We believe that in all things we are strengthened through Christ who loves us and all of God's Creation. And with this strength, we are convinced that there is nothing neither death nor life neither angels nor rulers, nor suffering, nor fear, nor things present, nor things to come nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else that will be able to separate us from our Creator and their Good Creation. We pray as Jesus taught us.... **"Our Mother/Father/God 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 forever and ever." AMEN**

Going Forth Into The World

***Hymn for New Week: VU 307**
"Touch the Earth Lightly"

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

May we have the wisdom to discern, The courage to act, And the compassion to serve. May our faithful loving actions protect God's reaction, reflect Christ's justice, and share the Spirit's hope to present and future generations. And May the abundant Grace of God The extravagant love of Christ And the transformational power of the Holy Spirit be with us all As we act each day for Creation. (Parts of this blessing are adapted from a prayer by Rev. Shepherd Munikwa)

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Choral Benediction: Isaiah 55 VU 884 You Shall Go Out

***You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break for before you,
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!***

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, XX

The trees of the field will clap their hands, XX

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While you go out with joy!

Go now in the peace of Christ!

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Welcome

To Worship



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"Third of Easter"
Earth Day Sunday

Earth Day - April 22

April 19, 2026

Hymns for April 19, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 “Water Flowing from the Mountains” MV 87

1. Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o’er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.
**Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
and living water brings
the love that makes our spirit grow.**
2. Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free. **Refrain.**
3. Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one. **Refrain.**

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#2. VU 299 “Teach Me God to Wonder”

1. Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**
2. Let me, God, be open, let me loving be,
let your world of people speak to me. **Refrain.**
3. Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. **Refrain.**
4. Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak, see
you in my neighbour when we meet. **Refrain.**

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#3 “Touch the Earth Lightly” VU 307

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God’s garden, hope in God’s children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one

