

Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge
www.littlecurrent-sheguiandah-unitedchurch.org
Box 254, Little Current ON P0P 1K0 368-2941
Minister: Rev. Whitney Bruno - lcucpc@gmail.com
Music Ministry: Judith Mosher, Ruth McDonald, & Choir
** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Easter Sunday– April 5, 2026

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

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

Gathering & Prelude

PROCESSIONAL: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” VU 155

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

We Approach God

Centering:

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, Waebijewung, 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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

A hymn I used to sing as a child began, "Some bright morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away to a land where joys'll never end." We light this candle reminding ourselves of this bright morning - Easter morning - which was and is and shall be. We light it, reminding ourselves of the light of heaven - which was and is and shall be. We light it knowing joy comes with the dawn, the Son rises, and life begins again! **Light the Christ Candle.**

2.

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

One: Death has no dominion

All: Death is done

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

One: God is with us

All: We are not alone!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Amen! (+1)

Invocation (unison)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia God! You have raised Christ with power to be sovereign. You have shown us death is not the end. You have given us hope for tomorrow. We are not alone. We gather in celebration for your works and love today! Join us! Amen.

****Opening Hymn: “Joy Comes With the Dawn” VU 166**

Learning for All Times

LCPCUC News

Listening

Hymn of Illumination (MV 115)

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

Beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

My promise is true, for I am Christ the way

3.

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 VU 837 (God is my strength and my song.)

Matthew 28:1-10 (Mary and the empty tomb.)

May God’s spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts

SERMON: “Fake News Or Real News?”

Communion Hymn: “Eat This Bread” VU 471

Holy Communion:



M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

Rooted and Rising

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

The women brought offerings of spices and ointments to Jesus' tomb. They brought themselves and were volunteering their time to care for Jesus' body after his death. The tomb they went to was land offered by Joseph of Aramathea bought with his money. God took the offerings and made them so much more - love begets love. Love multiplies love. God is love - and what is given in love is multiplied by God and becomes new joy and good news for all. Whether you offer physical items, or land; volunteer time, or prayer; finances or intentions - what you give in love will be blessed, multiplied, and help you be part of God's good news of love for the world. Let us give in love!

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:**

***"These gifts we bring with grateful hearts
to reconcile, make new.***

***Gather us in grace, show us the way,
to live our lives in Truth -----
to share Your love in all we do."***

4.

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

Loving God, may what we offer here this morning be a prayer: that we may be blessed as living testimony to your good news, that our offerings may be blessed as good news to use in the world, and that your word may live within us in spirit and in truth. Amen. (+2)

Going Forth Into The World

***Hymn for New Week:**

VU 175

" This Is The Day"

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

One: You've heard the news! The tomb is empty. Go from here empowered to proclaim the good news Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen, indeed!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia, Amen!

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

The trees of the field will clap their hands, XX

While you go out with joy!

Go now in the peace of Christ!

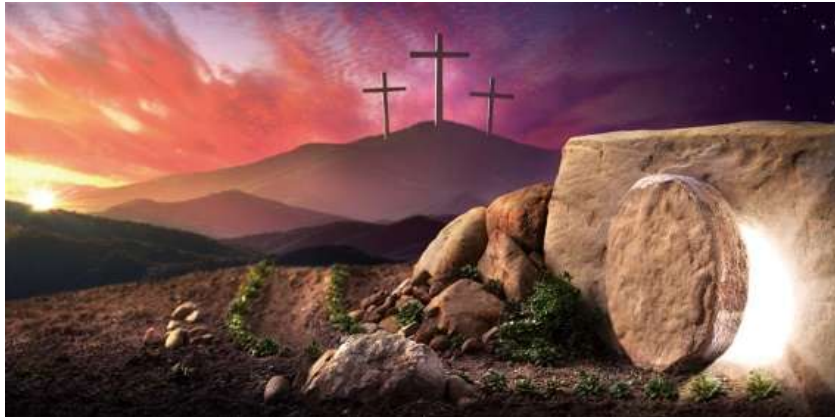


Resources Sourced:

(+1) - Richard Bott, LE 2026 Gathering Page 40

(+2) - Gord Dunbar, LE 2026 Gathering page 46

5.



Wallpapers.com

WOW! WHAT EXCITING ACTION!
AN EARTHQUAKE & THEN
AN ANGEL WHO LETS
JESUS OUT OF THE TOMB
RIGHT THERE, IN FRONT
OF THE TWO MARYS!



www.aquasol.org

UHH- LOOK AGAIN TED.
THE STONE IS ROLLED
BACK TO LET THE
WOMEN IN. JESUS
IS ALREADY GONE!
THE TOMB HAS NO
POWER OVER HIM.



OH, RIGHT. I GUESS
JESUS ISN'T GOING
TO WAIT INSIDE,
LOOKING AT HIS
WATCH AND THINKING
"WHERE IS THAT ANGEL.
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO
BE HERE HOURS AGO."



MATTHEW 28:11-10

© VETSTEIN 08.05.19

Happy Easter!

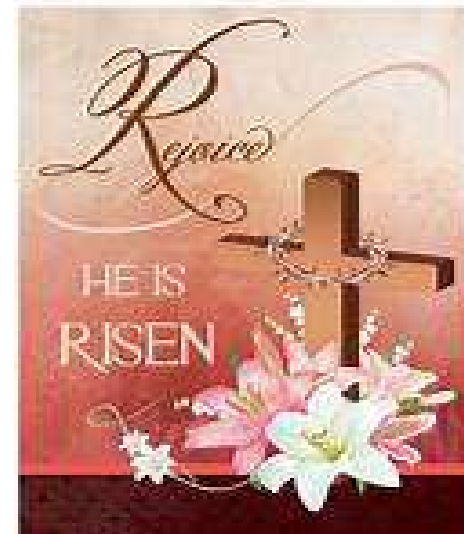


pixelstalk.net

Little Current United Church PC

Welcome

To Worship



worksheetsHQ.com

“Easter Sunday ”

April 5, 2026

Hymns for April 5, 2026 – LCUCPC

PROCESSIONAL - “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” VU 155

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem the save. Hallelujah!
3. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he’s King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
4. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he’s King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

~ ~ ~

#1 166 VU Joy Comes with the Dawn.

Refrain: Joy comes with the dawn;

joy comes with the morning sun;

joy springs from the tomb

and scatters the night with her song,

joy comes with the dawn.

1. Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. **Refrain**
2. Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God’s laughter make us strong. **Refrain.**
3. We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who bring us grace. **Refrain.**

~ ~ ~

#2. VU 471 “Eat This Bread and Never Hunger”

**Refrain. Eat this Bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.**

1. Asking for a cup of water,
Jesus touched forbidden ground;
and the woman, with a question,
told the world what she had found. **Refrain.**
2. Walking down a desert highway,
Jesus healed a man born blind;
soon the man became a witness
to the truth we seek and find **Refrain.**
3. Weeping for his friend at graveside,
Jesus felt the pain of death;
yet he knew God’s power to waken:
living water, living breath. **Refrain.**

~ ~ ~

#3 175 VU “This Is The Day That God Has Made” VU 175

**Refrain: This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice, Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

1. Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast !
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright ! **Refrain**
2. Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said !
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing ! **Refrain.**