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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service

~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Thirteenth after Pentecost Sunday– August 23, 2026

Today - 10:00 am at Little Current United Church

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

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

We Approach God

Centering:

Land Acknowledgement

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waabijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories. In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives with peoples who call this place home. We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of our intention to be open and attentive to God's presence and guidance during our time of worship. (+1)

- Light the Christ Candle.

Call To Worship:

One: Taking care...

All: of one another.

One: Taking care...

All: of the world.

One: Taking care...

All: with each other.

One: Taking care...

2.

All: with the Word.

One: We are stewards of all God's things. We are stewards of all God's gifts. We are stewards of all God's Creation.

All: So we must take care.

One: In our living, in our sharing, in our acting, in our caring...

All: we worship God. (+2)

Invocation (unison)

Holy One, we believe you speak to us through the songs of birds and the wind in the trees, through the wisdom of living elders and our spiritual ancestors in faith. As we share these words of scripture today, and this time of prayer, song, and fellowship, may we receive what your Spirit is saying to the church. All of this, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen. (+3)

Opening Hymn: "Creator God You Gave Us Life" (MV 27)

Learning Time for All Ages:-

- Good Gifts of God



Listening

Hymn of Illumination (MV 21)

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you O loving God.

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you O loving God.

(last time) Open our hearts.

Scripture Reading.

Matthew 16:13-20

Romans 12:1-8

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Sermon: "Who Do You Say I Am?" How to think theologically

3.

Learning Hymn: “Give Me A Name” TLUS 12

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

“Faithful Futures”

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

- Rev Whitney
- *(The offerings are 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."*

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

We bring to you, O God, our offerings, gifts that take the shape of Canadian money, as well as gifts that are shaped by time offered and skills shared. Bless these gifts and our selves that we may know how your Word gives life to our living, that we may live out your Good News in the way we form our society, that we may be the faithful salt that enlivens this country recently named Canada. Amen. (+4)

Prayers of the People:

Great and wonderful God,
through the movement of the Spirit,
you experience the cries of our hearts,
even when we don't have words or ways
to express what we are feeling.

You feel the vibrations of the shouts of our celebration.

You note our tears of sadness, even when we don't have words or ways to express what we are feeling.

Bless our cries, our shouts, our tears.

Bless our words and our actions.

Bless them with your love, through the gift of the Spirit.

- personal prayers-

4.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who also taught us to pray
..“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 forever and ever.” ... Amen. (+5)

Going Forth Into The World

Going Out Hymn:

VU 575

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

Our service of praise and thanks is ending.

Our lives of love and service continue.

Go from here united.

Go from here uplifted.

Go from here with compassion and concern.

Go from here embracing Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, and Daring Justice.

Go into the world to follow Jesus and live with love.

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Choral Benediction: “May the God of Peace” **MV 224**

**May the God of peace
and of all good, (Repeat)
be always with you. Amen!
May God’s peace be with you. Amen!**

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Resources Sourced:

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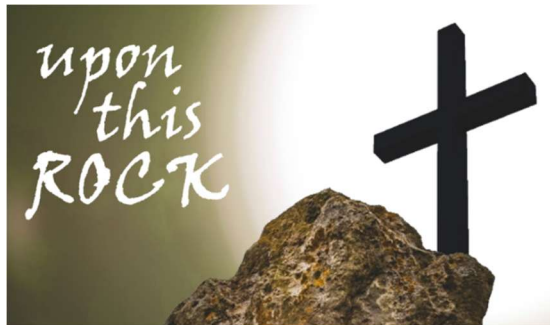
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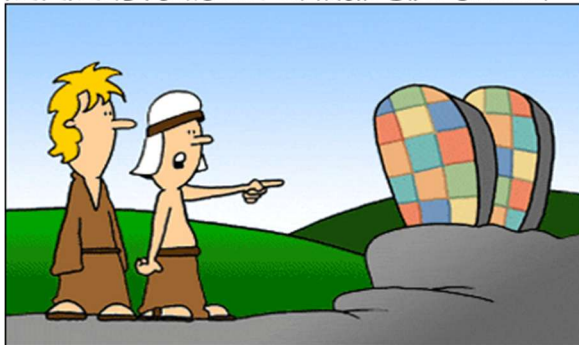
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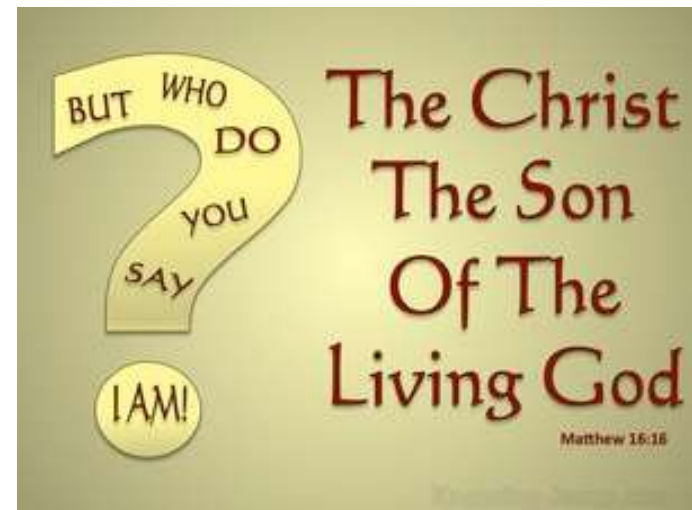


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***Welcome
To Worship***



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**"Thirteenth after Pentecost"
Sunday**

August 23, 2026

Hymns - August 23, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1. 27 MV *Creator God You Gave Us Life*

1. Creator God you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

2. In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. **Refrain...**
3. When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. **Refrain.**

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#2. TLUS 12 *"Give Me a Name"*

1. Give me a name that's fresh and free
and fitting for who I will be;
God, bless with holy pow'r and grace
my self, my scars, my form, my face.
2. Give me a heart that's brave and new,
a tenderness that's tried and true;
God, save my soul from shame and scorn;
I need your love to be reborn.
3. Give me a joy that's sure and sweet
to share myself, sincere, complete.
God, spur me on to spark and shine,
show forth in me with light divine.

4. Give me a path beyond the past
to venture forth at peace at last;
God, help me trust your cease-less claim:
just as I am, I bear your name.

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#3 VU 575 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

1. I'm gonna **live** so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna **work** so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna **pray** so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna **sing** so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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