

Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge
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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost– August 30, 2026
Today - 10:00 am MESSY CHURCH SUNDAY

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

It is possible and amazing to experience a beatitude, a blissful awareness that we are blessed by God. We light our Christ candle, hoping to experience that joy in connection with Christ's spirit during this time of worship. (+1) - **Light the Christ Candle.**

Call To Worship:

Let us lift our voices in praise.

Let us sing to the Creator of heaven and earth.

Let us praise the rock of our salvation.

We give thanks to the one who has created and is creating.

With all living things, let us bring adoration to our God,

who was, who is, and who always will be.

Let us worship God! (+2)

2.

Invocation (unison)

Designer of All Goodness, we are in awe of your work: tundra swans flying by the stars and the glow of the moon at night; the call of the loon in the morning mist on the lake; the rush of the salmon upriver and the bears as they wade in the flowing streams; maple trees providing sap, shade, and shelter; the soil that nourishes seeds, bulbs, and roots; and worker bees pollinating plants and filling honeycomb. You are goodness, Triune God, beyond the world you created, yet within all life and all who breathe. We come to worship you. (+3)

Opening Hymn: "Blessed Are You Who Are Poor" (TLUS 128)

1. Blessed are you who are poor –
yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who are hungry –
for you will be filled.
2. Blessed are you who now weep –
laughter will surely come.
Blessed are you who are hated –
hated for my sake.
3. One day you will rejoice,
you will leap for joy
Blessings abundant will follow
as you dwell in God.
4. Woe unto you who are rich –
for you possess your reward.
Woe unto you who have plenty –
you will feel your want.
5. Woe unto you who rejoice –
soon you will weep and mourn.
Woe unto you who are followed –
popular, but false.
6. Give you whole heart to God,
love and serve the poor.
Always treat one another
kindly and with grace.

3.
Listening

Scripture Reading.

The Bee-Attitudes: Matthew 5:1-12

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Learning Time for All Ages:-



- BLESSINGS

"- break for crafts"

M4RR – Your Generosity Matters.

40th Anniversary of Church Apology to Indigenous Peoples Commemorated in Sudbury – August 15, 2026

<https://united-church.ca/news/40th-anniversary-church-apology-indigenous-peoples-commemorated-sudbury>

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 offer ourselves, O God, just as Jesus offered himself.
We offer these gifts that you may bless them for your purposes
in this world. May they—and we—be transformed for justice,
for kindness, and for humble love, fostering relationships that
make a difference in Jesus' name. Amen. (+4)

4.

Prayers of the People:

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 how blessed they are in the middle of all that is wrong. So we pray today

- God, show us how blessed we are when we feel dry and exhausted. Let us know in our poor spirits you bless us with the reign of heaven.

Holy One, bless us in our mourning. Let us be comforted by you, and all around us. Source of Love, bless us in our weakness, our humility, our simplicity, our mildness and meekness. Let us be reassured it is to the meek the earth belongs.

God of justice, bless us in our hunger for justice and righteousness. Let these flow across our world.

Merciful God, bless us as we practice mercy. Let the kindness we give be the kindness we receive.

Holy God, bless us in our purity, innocence and trust. May we keep affirming you in the presence of all.

God of Peace, bless us in our strivings for peace. We are your children and desire peace.

God who knows and understands suffering, bless us as we suffer for the sake of righteousness, for the love of you, for the love of others, for the love of our selves.

Remind us to find joy and gladness in the situations we are in right now. Remind us you are with us in this life, and in the life to come.

Whatever we face, you love us and are with us. And so we pray today as Jesus taught us saying

.. "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

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

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!

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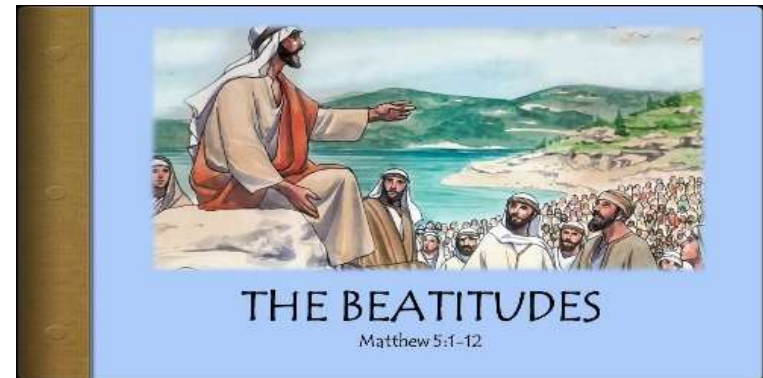
- (+1) - Karen Boivin, Osgoode-Kars U.C., Ottawa, Ont. Gathering Online
- (+2) - Frances Flook, Knox U.C., Kenora, Ont. Gathering Online
- (+3) - Ruthanne McLagan, Calvary U.C., London, Ont. Gathering Online
- (+4) - Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont. Gathering, Online



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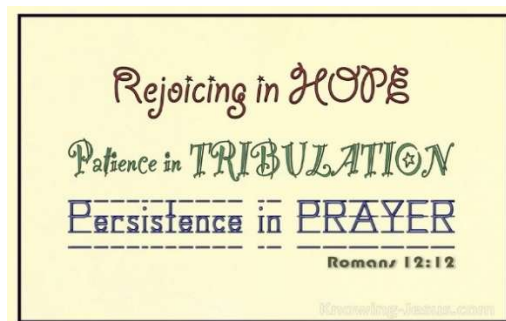
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