

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

Eleventh after Pentecost Sunday– August 9, 2026
Today - 10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshiping 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.

Message from the Moderator for PRIDE

Lighting the Christ Candle

Today we honour the full truth of our stories.
We lament, and rejoice. We remember and dream.
And all of it we do with Christ as our centre.
May Christ's light shine.

- Light the Christ Candle.

Call To Worship:

One: Enter, this Sunday, through doors open wide, welcoming all as we celebrate Pride!

All: We bring our full lives, both joyful and messy, and wear what affirms us, casual or dressy.

2.

One: So, come now, to worship, no one's thought odd,

All: for we are all equal as children of God.(+1)

Invocation (unison)

One: God of the Rainbow,

More than those who watch for morning,
Our souls wait, for the day when each of us,
of every gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation
knows that we are meant to be:

loved, cherished, and protected; and
that we are to be: proud of our identities; and celebrated.

**All: For we are your imperfectly perfect children,
called to reflect Christ's radiant light,
embody Christ's radical love; and
build your beloved community,
especially when storms of fear and hatred rage around us.**

One: And so, more than those who watch for morning,
we, in our great diversity, wait for your promised rainbow of peace,
as we work towards a world where every gender expression,
gender identity, and sexual orientation is affirmed as beloved;
and, every soul's spirit is able to sparkle, shine and sing your
dream with pride.

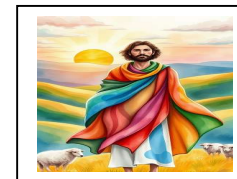
All: May it be so, Amen. (+2)

Opening Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" (MV 1) vs.1,4,5 only

Learning Time for All Ages:-

Jacob's Dress.

Joseph's Dress.



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.***

3.

Scripture Reading.

Genesis 37:3-34

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Sermon: *We've Always Been Here - This Isn't New*

Learning Hymn: **"We Are a Rainbow."** TLUS 30

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

Your gifts to Mission and Service support the regional church. From the regional church, we received the grant of \$1500 to give free books affirming all kinds of families. Your gifts to this church support the work we do today - the work of stating boldly, intentionally, and publicly that all our community members are loved, supported, and wanted. No one stands alone - in all our diversity of race and gender, sexuality and age, nationality and language, faith and ability - we are one in Christ. Thank you for making today possible!

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Little Current United Church doesn't pass a plate around. Instead, there is a box to offer your physical offerings before or after service. We'll have a time to pray and offer our spiritual offerings, and our commitments to volunteer, to learn, to travel the way of Christ. Let us give to God and God's work now!

(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."***

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Prayer of Commitment *(unison)*

Holy God, thank you for inviting us into your work of loving the diverse world in diverse ways. Bless our offerings and bless us so that we may be a blessing to all people, animals, and creation we encounter. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Oh, Love that will not let us go...

Our hearts are filled and overflowing with joy, deep love, and gratitude.

We are thankful, for the gifts of all communities who open their churches, their homes and their hearts to Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people and all their intersecting identities. We are thankful for diverse music, friendship, and for family by birth and chosen.

We are thankful for the Love that will not let us go.

We are thankful, for Pride Marches and Pride Month, for all those who publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that 2S-LGBTQ+ people are children of God.

We are thankful most of all, for the blessing of a Love that is and always has been there for us. The truth at the heart of our faith – that you are Love - echoes today in words and in music, in community, in our hearts and minds, and continues to challenge us to Love.

We pray for our hearts and minds to be open to our own homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia, to be open to our own racism, sexism, ableism, sizeism, and all the ways we fear those who are different from us. We pray to learn how to recognize the kinship between our souls and the souls of those who, to us, are strangers.

We pray that we will never cease in our journey to learn how to Love more radically.

We pray in the name of the Love that flips tables and cracks whips, the Love that heals those judged by religious leaders and powers, the Love who lives and loves among the marginalized and outcast.

In Jesus name we ask. And we pray as he 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.

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—Prayer by Jordan Sullivan, a trans man and a survivor of conversion practices and change efforts (SOGIECE). He is currently the SOCIECE/CP Prevention and Survivor Support Coordinator at the Community-Based Research Centre. Jordan is passionate about working through cross-sector collaboration to end conversion practices and change efforts in Canada. He is particularly aware of the need to address the intersections of religion, mental health, and 2S/LGBTQIA+ people.

Going Forth Into The World

Going Out Hymn: **Draw the Circle Wide** **MV 145**

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

And now - Go, beloved children of God, and shine. Go and sparkle. Go and love fiercely. Go and know God goes with you and connects us all heart-to-heart. Amen!

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Choral Benediction: “May the God of Peace”

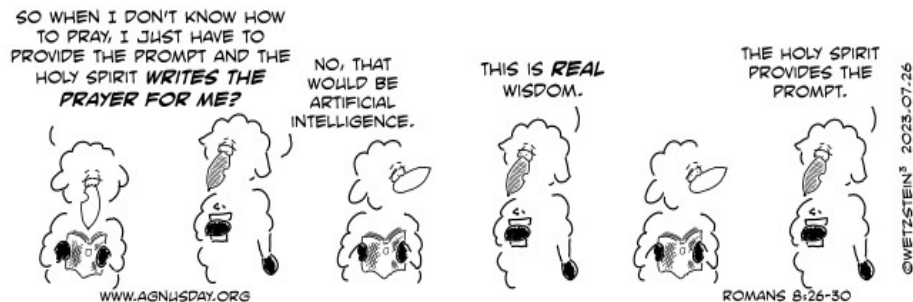
**May the God of peace
and of all good, (Repeat)
be always with you. Amen!
May God’s peace be with you. Amen!**

Go now in the peace of Christ!

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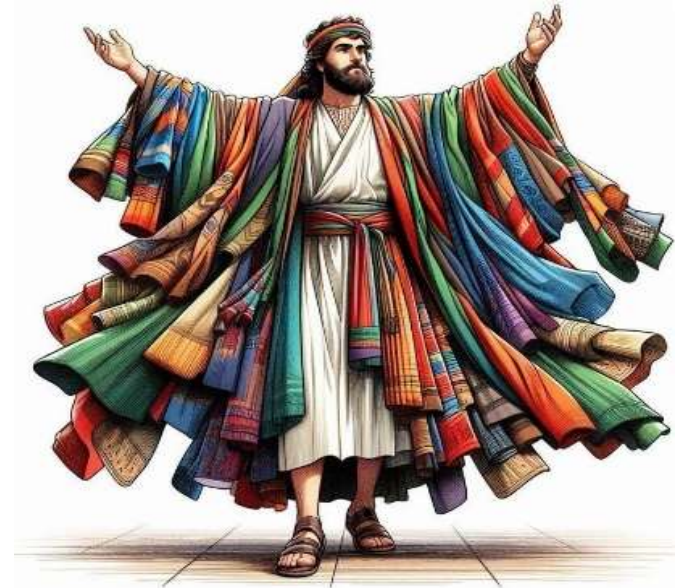
(+1) - Heather Ferrier, Trinity U.C., Mahone Bay, N.S, Gathering Online 2025

(+2) - Alydia Smith



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Welcome To Worship



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**“Eleventh after Pentecost”
Pride Sunday
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Hymns - August 9, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 MV 1 “Let Us Build a House” vs. 1, 4,& 5

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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#2 30 TLUS We Are A Rainbow (We’re the Light of All the World)

1. We’re the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill, we’re a candle on the stand proclaiming light, we will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore, we will shine a ray of hope that’s burning bright.

**Refrain: We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
for the flood of tears will fin-’lly cease to be,
come shine our rainbow, splash our hues across the sky
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**

2. We’re a coat of many colours, sewn from many diff-’rent threads,
cov-’ring all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said “Let there be light”, created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place. **R**
3. We are hope to still believe in tomorrow’s better day,
we are peace in a world that’s torn apart,
we are joy that will last in the struggles that we face
we are love that blooms and grows in every heart. **R**
4. When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
for our God will be with us on the way,
here we are, side by side, we won’t be frightened anymore,
as the mourning night of tears breaks into day. **R**
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

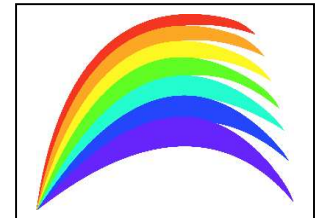
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#3 MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain:

***Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.***

1. God the still point of the circle,
‘round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God’s gracious arms. **R.**
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God’s call. **R.**
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we’ve ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R.**



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