

Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge
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Minister: Rev. Whitney Bruno - lcucpc@gmail.com
Worship Leader today – Gail, Helen and friends.
Music Ministry: Ruth McDonald, Judith Mosher, & Choir
** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Eighth after Pentecost Sunday– July 19, 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 by Philip Cote, MFA - Young Spiritual Elder
Traditional Wisdom Keeper - Moose Deer Point First Nation, Ontario

Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge would like to acknowledge our presence on the land that has been traditional territory of Anishinaabeg since time immemorial. As we reach back to those early ancestors, we remember our Mother the Earth, through the Seven Grandfather teachings: Wisdom, Bravery, Respect, Honesty, Truth, Humility, and Love.

The stories of these nations endure and continue to guide our thoughts and actions on this land. We recognize the medicine wheel and its teachings.

We recognize the four directions: North, South, East and West, and the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

It is these four seasons that represent the circle of life.

“Nin-din-awe-maagan-i-dok,” (nin-din-ah-magan-ee-doc)
which means, **we are all relations. We are all One.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Grandmothers and grandfathers, parents, children, people of all ages and places... following Christ's Way.

For years before us, for years yet to come,

we wander where God calls us.

We go where Christ's light shines!

Alleluia! Alleluia, amen! (+1)

- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call To Worship:

Come, neighbours and strangers,
prophets and seekers of justice,
those who need a helping hand,
and those who have something to offer.

Whether your faith is weak or strong,
come; let us be neighbours in this place,
and let us worship God together. (+2)

Invocation (unison)

God of love and compassion, you call us to be people of compassion, too: to experience in our living the lives of others, to laugh with their joys and cry with their sorrows.

In this time of worship speak to us again your words of love and remind us again of what it means to be a neighbour.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the ultimate neighbour. Amen. (+2)

Opening Hymn: “Love is the Touch” (MV 89)

Learning Time for All Ages:-

Learning About Creation
Wildflowers & Weeds

Listening

Hymn of Illumination (VU 381)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close, wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

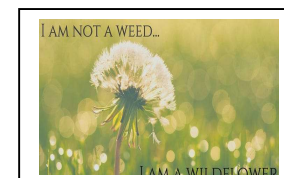
Holy Scripture:

– Ephesians 6: 18

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

**To that end keep alert and always persevere
in supplication for all the saints.”**

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.
And may they awaken in our hearts



3.

Reflection/Sermon: MOSQUITOES: Praying Through Hard Times

By Janice McLean of Prayerbench.ca

– inspired by poet, Mary Oliver

Learning Hymn: “O Jesus I Have Promised.” VU 120

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

“Shared Wonder.”

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

We are invited to offer ourselves in service to others.

And now we are invited to share our gifts for the work of Christ’s church — In our own community and throughout the whole world – via Mission & Service

Let us share our gifts with thankful hearts and sincere living in Christ’s way. (+3)

(The offerings are brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:** {VU 537}

*Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.*

*Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus’ sake.*

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

God of grace and compassion, may our gifts enable your church to be a place where strangers become friends, outcasts are welcomed, seekers receive, and doubters find faith.

In Jesus’ name. Amen. (+2)

Prayers of the People:

We give you thanks, O God, for the many mercies of each day, for the kind word given freely, for the smile offered sincerely, for the simple moments when someone loves a neighbour.

4.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

We remember and pray for people who care for others, all of those whose compassionate attention to detail enhances another’s life. ***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.***

In a new understanding of being a neighbour, we give thanks for what we receive freely from others who choose to be a neighbour to us, despite differences that may stand between us.

We pray for a greater understanding and awareness that everyone is our neighbour. ***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.***

We give thanks for every opportunity to be a neighbour to others. We pray for justice for those who are mistreated by others.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

In the many roads we’ve yet to walk, the journeys still to undertake, may we find our neighbour at every turn, and accept the ongoing surprise of your gospel, in the neighbourhood of your reign. ***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you. Amen.*** (+2)

And now, let us say or sing the prayer taught to us by Jesus...

...“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: *MV 30*

"It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

Go from this gathering to meet your neighbour
with open hands and an open heart, giving and receiving
the goodness of God's love!

**We go to love God, and to love our neighbours
as we love ourselves. Amen. (+2)**

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Choral Benediction: *MV # 222 "May the Peace of God Be Your Peace"*

May the peace of God be your peace.

May the love of God be the love you show.

*May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see
be found in you.*

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Resources Sourced:

(+1) Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver, B.C., Gathering Pent 1 2016

(+2) Seasons of the Spirit, Season Fusion, Pent 1 2019

(+3) Bill Steadman, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, Ont. Gathering Pent 1 2019

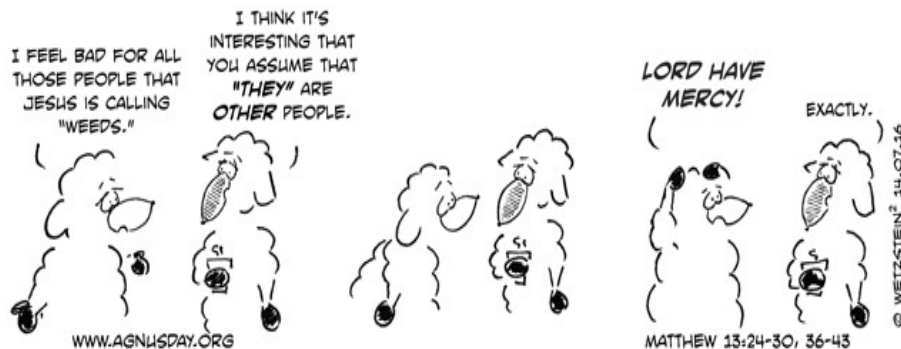
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Welcome

To Worship



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"Eighth after Pentecost"

July 19, 2026

Hymns for July 19, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 Love is The Touch MV 89

1. Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.
2. Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.
3. Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.
4. Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

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#2 VU 120 "Oh Jesus, I have Promised"

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
2. O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmur of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end,
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

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#3 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV 30

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea.

Refrain:

***And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.***

2. It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore, **Refrain.**
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song. **Refrain.**
4. It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation,
a song the universe sings. **Refrain.**

