

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

Ninth after Pentecost Sunday– July 26, 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

Shine, Creator, shine! Shine, Christ, shine! Shine, Spirit, shine!

Shine on us. Warm us. Transform us.

Holy One, smile through us. Touch others with love through our actions. Run errands that help others with our energy.

Bless others through the words we share and our prayers.

Shine through us, Holy One. Shine through us. (+1)

- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call To Worship:

The divine Spirit calls us to worship.

We will put our worries on the back burner. We rejoice in this opportunity to be still, to pray, and to praise. We are glad of the chance to meet friends and fellow church members. We are encouraged by the scripture stories of compassion. We are challenged to find fulfillment as we put faith into action.

The divine Spirit has called you to worship. Rejoice and be glad. (+2)

Invocation (unison)

O Holy One, who brings forth light into our world, who takes our breath away with the beauties of your creation, who shares the message of hope through the resurrected Christ, who moves our hearts with the pulse of the Holy Spirit who offers limitless grace to all, we experience our call and sing your praises. Amen. (+3)

Opening Hymn: “Come and Find a Quiet Center” (VU 374)

Learning Time for All Ages:-

Learning About Creation & Shalom

Matthew 13 continued.....

Mustard Seeds, Yeast & Treasures

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:

– Mark 2:3

“Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.”

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

3.

Reflection/Sermon: . FIREFLIES: Praying for Others

By Janice McLean of Prayerbench.ca

– inspired by poet, Mary Oliver

Learning Hymn: “Small Things Count.” VU 361

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

“Pursuing Peace.”

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

We offer ourselves and our gifts to God. Everything we have is a gift from God. We give in response to God’s generosity, as a sign of our commitment to serve Christ with our whole lives. Money given today, received by e-transfer or automatic bank withdrawals, or by cash or cheque, is a symbol of the many gifts we give: our time, talents, possessions, and care for others. (+4)

(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)

Spirit of Life, you are like a river that flows with a holy currency through this place: in a space reaching out to the Little Current community, this community where cards sent for healing or remembrance declare “You are not alone,” in people who are open to the truth of others as we seek authentic relationships together. We pray, O God, do all the good that you can, in every possible way that you can, through us, with the treasures we freely share here in this community and around the world through Mission and Service. Amen. (+5)

4.

Prayers of the People:

Loving Lord, we bring to you our prayers. We also bring our whole selves to you today, and lay our lives at your mercy. We bring the times we may have not listened to your word or your ways. We bring our times of brokenness with you and our family you have given to us. We come praying our personal prayers, and as for mercy.

Silence.

We come seeking times of healing for our selves and for the world around us. For those who live in lands far from our own. Those who are enduring war and starvation. The lack of fresh water and clean clothes to wear. We realize we bring to you the destruction that is caused by humans to each other. We pray for those who live in this time in history.

Silence

Loving God, we pray for the children of the world, and also for the children in our community. That they may find love and peace in the world around them. That they may find love in your ways, as they are guided by loved ones whom you love as well. As we wait upon you and put our hope and trust in you.

Silence

Thank you, Loving God for bringing us into your presence today, that leads us to your warmth and love. And bringing us to be bearers of that love and compassion to others. Thank you, Lord.

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 138

“My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

Now, God sends us out to meet our neighbours.

And we will find hospitality in unexpected places. May we share the peace of Christ graciously and humbly.

We go to be radiant with the light of the Spirit.

May we search diligently for Christ in the people we meet.

We go now to live our lives as good news. Amen! (+6)

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) Gary Simpson, McDougall UC, Edmonton, Alta. – *Gathering, Pent 1, 2023, pg. 36*

(+2) David Sparks, Summerland, BC – *Gathering, Pent 1, 2023, pg. 37*

(+3) Barbara Johns, Queenswood UC, Orleans ON – *Gathering Pent 1, 2023, pg 41*

(+4) Donnie Morrison, United Protestant-Sydney River, NS - *Gathering Pent 1, 2023,,pg.49*

(+5) Jeff Werner, Wasaga Beach UC, Wasaga Beach, ON – *Gathering, Pent 1, 2023, pg.50*

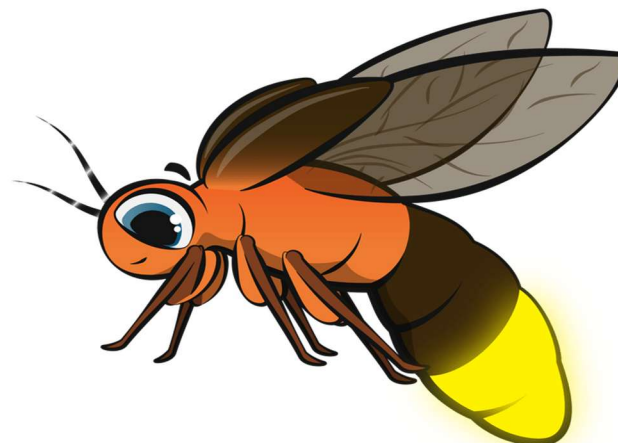
(+6) Wetaskin Writers, Grace Lutheran & First UC, Wetaskin, AB – *Gathering, 2023, pg.51*



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Welcome

To Worship



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Fireflies – small things count.
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“Nineth after Pentecost”

July 26, 2026

Hymns for July 19, 2026 – LCUCPC

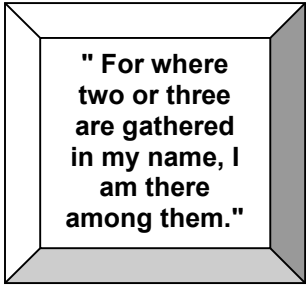
#1 VU 374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear out eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

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#2 VU 361 “Small Things Count”

1. Small things count, so Jesus said:
cups of water, crumbs of bread,
small things done because we're kind
count as big things in God's mind.
2. Small things make the big things grow:
grains of yeast inside the dough,
puffs that fill a big ballon,
notes that make a happy tune.



" For where
two or three
are gathered
in my name, I
am there
among them."

3. Every hair that's on our head,
every sparrow, Jesus said,
God takes care of, counts and knows,
God loves us from top to toes!

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#3 MV 138 “My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

1. My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me to places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
2. My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and it takes me to places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain:

***We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul needs a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.***

3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tears back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. **Refrain.**

4. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
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where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

