

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

Sixth after Pentecost Sunday– July 5, 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

Artist, Activist, Historian, and 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

As we light this candle, may we be ever mindful of the light of Christ in our collective lives, and in our personal life as well. May the Christ light shine to peel away the gloom and expose us to

“Christ’s love, so we too may shine today and always. (+1)

- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call To Worship:

Jesus said, “Come, follow me.”

I said, “I am not good enough, Jesus.”

Jesus said, “Come, follow me.”

I said, “I cannot find my way.”

Jesus said, “I love you and will show you the way.”

I said,, “By God’s grace, I will follow.” (+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 your all and sing your praises. Amen. (+3)

Opening Hymn: “This is God’s Wondrous World.” VU 296

Learning Time for All Ages:-

Learning About Creation



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:

Psalm 113: 3

***“From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.”***

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Reflection/Sermon: **SUNFLOWERS: - Pronouncing a Blessing**

- poet, Mary Oliver

3.

Learning Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth.” VU 226

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

“Grace at the Table.”

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

What a privilege to share in God’s mission.
What a privilege to see the whole of creation
and work to bring out its full glory.
What a privilege to share our time,
our money, our whole selves to glorify God. (+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)

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:

In you, O God, we take refuge. Whatever challenge we may
face, whatever burden we may bear, we know that, in you,
we find rest and healing and hope. The challenges may not
shift; the burdens may not disappear; but, relying on your
steadfast love, we are able to stand and face what we must with
a renewed spirit. In you, O God, we take refuge.
As we pray, gather our thoughts and impulses in your
tender arms. Hold us gently and hear us.

4.

We pray for those who lead us and those we lead;
those who teach us and those we teach;
those who are sick or grieving; those in pain;
those who lack security, shelter or food;
those who lack loving companions and friends;
those who lift our spirits;
those who bless our days with their kindness;
those whose stories, whose needs we do not know.
In you, O Lord, we take refuge.
Enable us to extend that care and that hospitality to others.
In your name, we pray. **Amen.** (+5)

Now let us say together those words taught 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.

Going Forth Into The World

Going Out Hymn: “I Have Called You by Your Name” MV 161

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

May Christ who is with us in our joys and sorrows,
at all times and in all places, shine the light of his resurrection
on the road ahead, surround you with his grace,
and uphold you with his peace and purpose for your lives.

Amen. (+5) *Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts*

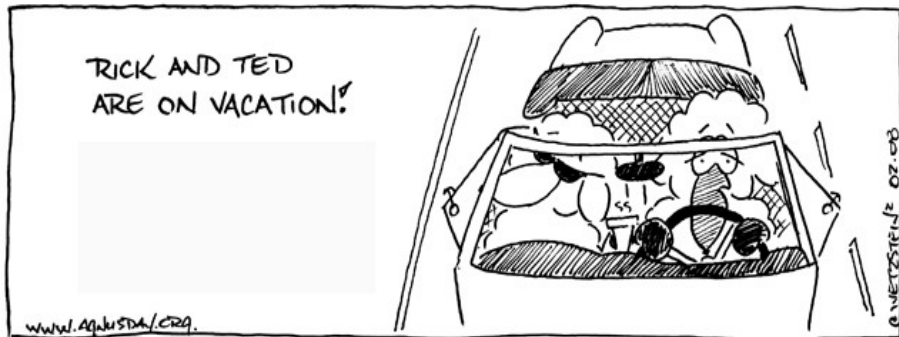
Choral Benediction: MV # 222 “May the Peace of God Be Your Peace”

***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) Jim McKean, while at Severn Shores UC, Severn, ON., Gathering, Pent 1 2023
- (+2) Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters PC, Nipawin, SK, Gathering, Pent 1 2023
- (+3) Barbara Johns, Queenswood UC, Orleans, ON., Gathering Pent. 1, 2023
- (+4) United in Worship Materials – 2020
- (+5) Seasons of the Spirit, Season Fusion, Pent 2014



Well maybe it's Whitney and Rob who are on vacation



Little Current United Church PC

Welcome
To Worship



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“Sixth after Pentecost”

July 5, 2026

Hymns for July 5, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1. VU 296 “This Is God’s Wondrous World”

1. This is God’s wondrous world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God’s wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God’s hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is God’s wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker’s praise.
This is God’s wondrous world:
God shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God’s voice speaks everywhere.
3. This is God’s wondrous world: O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God’s wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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#2 VU 226 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
**God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise**
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, **Refrain**
3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild. **Refrain**

4. For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, **Refrain.**

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#3 MV 161 “I Have Called You by Your Name”

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus’ body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus’ robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

