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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Third after Pentecost Sunday– June 14, 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:

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Long, long ago, Creator God chose land to create the first beings made in the image of God - humans. From that moment, until this very moment, we are creatures of land. We honour Creator, and the land, when we walk gently, act in ways to help not just humans but all life, and know we are stewards - temporary caretakers - of this Eden. We sin when we break the relationships among people, land, creatures, waters, skies. This truth has been known by First Nations people since that long, long ago time. This truth is being relearned by settler peoples, who forgot this truth, or chose to ignore it. We acknowledge today this land is not our own. We are guests of Creator. This place, Waebijewung, Little Current, Mnidoo Mnis, Manitoulin Island, this place has been cared for by Odawa, Ojibwe, and Pottawatomi Anishinaabeg for generations upon generations. To honour God is to honour traditional stewardship, and to join with First Nations in caring for this land from which we are all made.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The light of the world comes to all people. It's radiance falls on leaves and grasses, birds and deer. The light of the world is Christ - and we light this candle remembering he is present for and with and in all the cosmos.

- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call to Worship:

Your response is: **Welcome; biindigiin; bienvenue**

One: Abraham once rested under oaks. He saw three strangers and he called out:

All: Welcome; biindigiin; bienvenue!

One: Sarah brought out 30 lbs of bread, a whole cow, milk and cheese and told those strangers:

All: Welcome; biindigiin; bienvenue!

One: Jesus sent out the disciples to seek all who would say:

All: Welcome; biindigiin; bienvenue!

One: To each of you, all of us, to every creature and every soul-

All: Welcome; biindigiin; bienvenue!

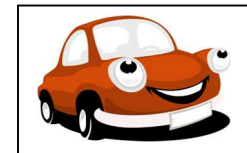
Opening Prayer:

Holy God, we come in because you tell us "Welcome; biindigiin; bienvenue!" We are surprised at your hospitality. We are glad to receive your invitation and be your guests. May our time together inspire us to radical hospitality wherever we wander this week. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Come, Children, Join to Sing" VU 345

Learning Time for All Ages:-

**A trip to Sault Ste. Marie
and a trip to Ottawa**



Listening

Hymn of Illumination (MV 44 vs 3)

***Naming the nameless Spirit of unity,
scanning the heavens for signs of your care;
God of the ages, give us humility;
guide us to mystical union in prayer.***

Holy Scripture:

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 (Abraham & Sarah are promised a child)

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (Jesus and the disciples)

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

3.

Sermon: "Radical Welcome – Surprise Hospitality"

Learning Hymn: "God of Freedom, God of Justice" VU 700

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

"Making Joyful Noise."

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Although you don't have to offer 30 lbs of bread, or a whole cow, we are expected to offer what we can to the realm of God. For some of us, this is donating money so there's a kids camp. For others of us, this is donating time so the church is a place clean and welcoming for all. And for some of us, this is donating prayer and spiritual time. Whatever you offer, offer it in radical hospitality and love.

(The offerings are brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:** (MV 191)

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share*

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

Generous God, surprising God, accept our generosity and surprise us with all the good you bring forth from this trust in you. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Great and wonderful God,
through the movement of the Spirit
you experience the cries of our hearts,
even when we don't have words or ways
to express what we are feeling.

You feel the vibrations of the shouts of our
celebration.

You note our tears of sadness, even when we
don't have words or ways to express what we are feeling.

4.

Bless our cries, our shouts, our tears.

Bless our words and our actions.

Bless them with your love, through the gift of the
Spirit.

(Cries, shouts, tears, wordless, and not.)

This we pray on the name of Jesus who taught us to pray.... (+1)

...**"Our Father/Mother/God 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: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" VU 664

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

May we leave this place open to God's call on our lives that each of us might be a source of healing and of kindness in this world. May we go in faith ready to love and to serve in Jesus' name. (+2)

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Choral Benediction: TLUS 105

*May you be held,
may you be held
in the love,
in the love of God. (sing 2X)*

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Resources Sourced:

(+1) - Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont. Gathering pg. 42 Pentecost 1 2026

(+2) - Cindy Randall, Humbervale U.C., Etobicoke, Ont. Gathering pg. 50 Pentecost 1 2026





Little Current United Church PC

Welcome
To Worship



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“Third after Pentecost”

June 14, 2026



Hymns for June 14, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 VU 345 *Come, Children, Join to Sing*

1. Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!
3. Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!
The whole creation o'er
let all God's love adore,
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

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#2 VU 700 *"God of Freedom, God of Justice"*

1. God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.
2. Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood:
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.

3. Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

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#3 VU 664 *What a Friend We Have In Jesus"*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

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