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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
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Fifth after Pentecost Sunday– June 28, 2026

Climate Action Day – UCC

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 of the Christ Candle

For the earth, for the waters, for the skies, for the air, for the comfort of night and the warmth of day - we thank you God; and light this candle as a physical reminder in Christ all is made, remade, and deeply loved.

- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call To Worship:

One: Whether we live near mountains or in the prairies—

All: We are one in Christ.

One: Whether our winters are balmy or our summers are cool—

All: We are one in Christ.

One: Whether we live near the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean or somewhere in the middle— **All: We are one in Christ.**

One: Whether we live in urban dwellings, nestled in the suburbs, or surrounded by a rural landscape— **All: We are one in Christ.**

One: In a spirit of unity, caring for each other and the whole of creation— **All: We are one in Christ. (+1)**

Invocation

As we gather, we are thankful for your Creation:

for light and darkness; for air, wind, and sky;

for earth and sea; for seeds, harvests, and plant life;

for sunlight, moonlight, and starlight;

for every living creature, swarming, flying, creeping, and grazing; for our lives.

In our actions, meditations, and prayers, may we honour and celebrate your very good Creation, as we seek wisdom on how to share our gratitude and love in good and healing ways.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Come and Seek the Ways……” MV 10

Learning Time for All Ages:-

A Call to Action

/ Letters to Our Officials (Kieara)



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.

3.

Holy Scripture:

Matthew 10:40-42 (*Welcoming and offering a cup of water*)

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18 – (Singing psalm 89 VU Pg 804)

“My Song Forever Shall Record”

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Reflection/Sermon: **“Just a Cup of Water”**

- **by Rev. Whitney Bruno**

Learning Hymn: **“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.” VU 626**

M4RR – Your Generosity Matters.

Summer Reading List - Book Borrow (Outreach Team)

M4M - Locally! - **The MFR Hampers (Mike Terry)**

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Let us gather our offerings of dedications to offer even a glass of water. To read a book. To donated time or resources. Let us gather our actions. Let us gather our letters. Let us gather and offer to God ourselves. (*The offerings are brought forward*)

****Offertory Hymn:** (*TLUS 60*)

*There’s enough for all if we would learn to share it,
there’s enough for all, oh, help us to believe.*

There’s enough for all.

Let’s bring our loaves and fishes, and offer them to Jesus.

There’s more than enough for you and me.

Prayer of Commitment (*unison*)

We sing of your steadfast love, of God. Your faithfulness is as sure as sunrise, and as steady as moon cycles. Because we can trust on you, we offer you all these gifts today and pray you'll use them, and us, for the steadfast love of the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Creator God,

we come before you in a time of crisis.

We know that much of your creation struggles;

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we begin to see and acknowledge the changes around us;
we search for the causes and the cures and the collaborative ways
we can commit to care for creation.

We want to do what’s right but we don’t always know what that is
or agree how best to do it.

Help us learn what we must,

listening to the diverse voices of creation itself.

Help us understand and love what you have loved and called “very good.”

Enliven that understanding, we ask, to allow ourselves to be
moved to act as we should and to halt actions that harm.

Guide us as we try to discern how best to truly listen to each other
as well as creation and heed your call.

We ask for forgiveness where we have taken too much or cared too
little, for hearts willing to listen and change and will to follow
through.

May the knowledge of your presence and the assurance of your
love shape our time here and always.

Into that love light we lift up these personal prayers...

We pray in Jesus' name concluding as he taught us saying OUR...

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Going Forth Into The World

Going Out Hymn: **“Called by Earth and Sky” MV 135**

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

Go and act, for the care of creation.

Go and learn, for the sake of creation.

Go and pray, for the love of creation.

And may the care of God enfold you,

the passion of the Risen Christ embolden you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit empower you,
now and forever, Amen. (+3)

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Choral Benediction: *Isaiah 55* (VU 884)

*You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace...
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands! .*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands XX
The trees of the field will clap...their hands XX
The trees of the field will clap...their hands XX
While you go forth with joy*

Go now in the peace of Christ!

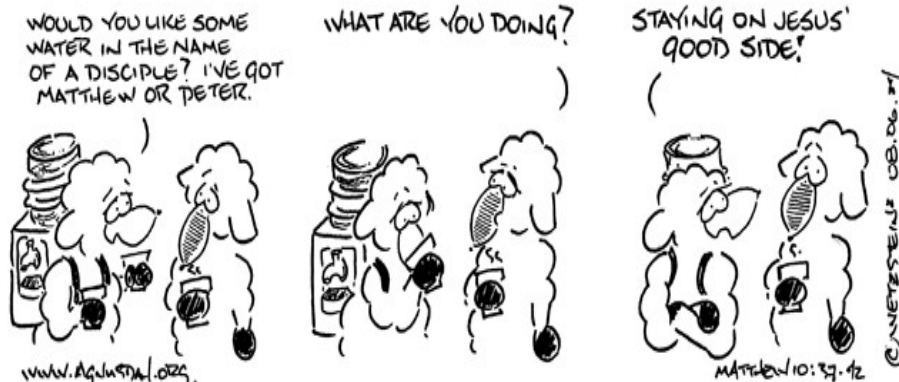
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To Worship***



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Hymns for June 28, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 MV 10 “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.
2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.
3. Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

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#2 VU 626 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sin;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till travelling days are done.

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#3 MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Refrain: *Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.*

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean’s dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. **Refrain**
2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace. **Refrain.**
3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our waking, rooted and strong,
Creation’s faithful song. **Refrain.**
4. Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. **Refrain.**

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Psalm 89 (My Song Forever Shall Record)

1. My song forever shall record your tender mercies, O my God,
your faithfulness will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.
I sing of mercies that endure, of faithfulness forever sure.
2. Almighty God, your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone; and
shining bright before your face are truth and love and boundless grace.
The heavens shall join in glad accord to praise our wondrous work and word.
3. The swelling sea obeys your will; its angry waves your voice can still. And
yours, by right, the heavens and earth, the world in life in death, in birth.
The whole creation’s awesome frame proclaims its Maker’s glorious name.
4. With blessing is the nation crowned whose people know the joyful sound;
they in the light, O God, shall live, the light your face and favour give.
All glory unto God we yield, who is our constant help and shield.

