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**Second after Pentecost Sunday– June 7, 2026**  
**Also Canadian Shield Regional Council Meeting.**  
**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**

Flames dancing, tongues of fire burning brightly, illuminating the shadowed places of our lives and searing radiance, all remind us of the first Pentecost. The Christ light brings a reminder of Pentecostal splendour. May the dazzling light be for us a spark of Holy Wonder. (+1) - **Light the Christ Candle.**

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**Call to Worship:**

Even in the wilderness of our struggles, God calls us by name.

**We gather as Moses did, removing our shoes on holy ground.**

In the hard places of life, we discover we do not walk alone.

**God invites us into partnership, into ministry together.**

Come, let us worship the God who transforms ordinary moments into sacred encounters.

**We come, ready to serve alongside one another in Christ's name.**

**Invocation:**

Great are your ways, Holy Spirit... Great are your words, Holy Spirit. You are in us and we are in you. Your love abides in us and we abide in your love. You lead us to the truth. You teach us the way. You inspire us to love others. You give us peace in our hearts, easing our troubled spirits. We are grateful that you guide us to the truth of who we are and what we are meant to do. We thank you for our love and your guidance, today and every day. Amen. (+2)

**Opening Hymn:** "Come Let Us Sing" VU 222

**Learning Time for All Ages:-**

Holy Ground.



**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:**

**Exodus 3:1-15** (Moses encounters the Burning Bush)

Other Scriptures - Psalm 33:1-12, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

**And may they awaken in our hearts**

3.

**Sermon:** "Hard Places, Holy Ground"

**Learning Hymn:** "God of The Bible" MV 28

**M4M – Your Generosity Matters.**

**"Belonging Without Borders"**

**Responding to the Word**

**Invitation to Commitment:**

Just as God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness and blessed Abraham beyond measure, God continues to bless us abundantly. Let us now offer our gifts in gratitude, knowing that through our giving, we participate in God's ongoing work of transformation in the world.

*(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)

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to serve alongside you and one another. Use these offerings and use us, that your kingdom may come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

**Prayers of the People:**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for calling ordinary people into extraordinary ministry. For Moses, reluctant yet faithful; for Matthew, transformed from tax collector to disciple; for all who have answered your call to serve.

**People: "God of the burning bush, hear our prayer."**

Leader: We pray for those in hard places today: for communities devastated by natural disasters, for families struggling with poverty, for nations torn by conflict. Send your people to serve alongside those who suffer, that they might know they are not abandoned.

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**People: "God of the burning bush, hear our prayer."**

Leader: We intercede for the church universal, that we might truly collaborate in ministry rather than compete. Break down the walls that divide us. Help us to see past our differences to our common calling as partners in the gospel.

**People: "God of the burning bush, hear our prayer."**

Leader: We lift up those who feel unworthy of your call, who doubt their gifts for ministry. Remind them, as you reminded Moses, that you will be with them. Encourage them, as you encouraged Abraham, to trust in your promises.

**People: "God of the burning bush, hear our prayer."**

We ask now as we join and pray the prayer Jesus gave to the disciples and to us: .....

...**"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:** "Go To The World" VU 420

**Benediction & Carrying out the Light:**

Leader: Go now, knowing that the ground on which you stand is holy ground.

**All: We go, ready to remove our sandals, for the place where we serve is sacred.**

Leader: Go now, to partner with God in ministries of compassion and justice.

**All: We go, eager to collaborate with one another, to be the hands and feet of Christ.**

Leader: Go now, trusting that the God who called Moses will be with you always.

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All: We go, confident that the same God who spoke from the burning bush empowers us for this sacred work.

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: May the God of love and justice accompany us. May the Spirit surround us with grace and peace as we walk the way of the Christ.

Let all those who do justice and love kindness say amen! ... say amen! ... say amen! *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) - Laura Turnbull,- Penticton, BC – Gathering, Pent. 1, 2026 – pg. 27.



# Little Current United Church PC

## Welcome

## To Worship



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## “Second after Pentecost”

## CSRC – Sunday

Canadian Shield Regional Council Meeting

## June 7, 2026

## Hymns for June 7, 2026 – LCUCPC

### #1 **Come Let Us Sing** (VU 222)

1. Come let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.
2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following you way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.
4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

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### #2 **MV 28** "God of The Bible"

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

#### Refrain:

***Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful you do not change. (2X)***

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding sustaining, from your own heart. **Refrain.**
3. Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. **Refrain.**

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger  
will our world order change in a day,  
but by your people, fearless and faithful,  
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. **Refrain.**
5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross. **Refrain.**

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### #3 **VU 420** *Go To The World*

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**
2. Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah**

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