

Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge  
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\*\* an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service  
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**Lent 5 Sunday– March 22, 2026**

**10:00 am at Little Current United Church**

**WELCOME:** a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

**Gathering & Prelude**

**Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church  
We Approach God**

**Centering:**

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waebijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories. In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives with the peoples who call this place home.

We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

This light is a reminder Jesus is our light, the light of the world, the light that is found in all that is good and right and true. No matter how hard it becomes to discern a way forward, Jesus is there, guiding us through. So we light a candle to remind us Jesus is with us. **Light the Christ Candle.**

**Call to Worship**

based on Ephesians 5:14b

One: Sleeper, awake!

Many: Rise from the dead,

**All: and Christ will shine on you!**

East Side: Be woke!

West Side: Live a renewed life,

**All: and Jesus will be your guiding light!**

North Side: Wearied and troubled soul, attention!

South Side: Now is the time of your relief,

**All: for Christ is among you.**

2.

**Invocation** (*unison*)

Holy God,

Three-in-One,

Who spoke light into existence,

Who gives sight,

Who gives insight,

Who visited us as the Light of the World

Who resides with us now

Who fuels the Spirit firelight within our souls

Holy God,

Three-in-One,

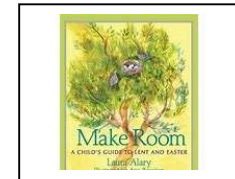
We worship you today.

Shine upon us. Amen.

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** “*Creator God You Gave Us Life*” MV 27

**Learning for All Ages**

**Make Room**  
by Laura Alary  
Next Chapter



**Listening**

**Hymn of Illumination** (MV 115)

**Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)**

***I make all things new,***

***Beginning with you and starting from today.***

**Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)**

***I make all things new,***

***My promise is true, for I am Christ the way***

**HOLY SCRIPTURES**

**Ephesians 5:8-14** (*Live as children of the light*)

**John 9:1-41** (*Jesus heals the man born blind*)

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

**And may they awaken in our hearts**

3.

**SERMON:** “My Body Is Not A Prayer Request.”

**Learning Hymn:** “Are You a Shepherd?” MV 126

### **M4M – Your Generosity Matters.**

#### **A Steady Flow of Care**

#### **Responding to the Word**

#### **Invitation to Commitment:**

Let us ask God's blessing on the time we give in prayer, the time we give in attending one another, the time we volunteer. Let us ask God's blessing on the finances we give to make this church a welcoming heart of the area, the finances we give to make a difference around Canada, and the finances we give to help the world. Let us ask God's blessing on all we offer.

*(The offerings will now be brought forward)*

#### **\*\*Offertory Hymn:** (VU 542)

*We give you but your own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
we give it gratefully.*

#### **Prayer of Commitment** (unison)

May these gifts be pleasing to you, Dear God. Bless them. Bless the givers. Bless the receivers. Bless the people who help connect. May we all be aware how much we receive. May we all be aware how much we give. And may this awareness be a blessing. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People**

Creator,

The world seems to be in evening time, and dusk and shadows loom. We don't know what is ahead. We notice monsters in bushes. We know of their greed, their thirst for power, and the way they trample all.

You have told us not to turn away. It is painful. It is shameful. And yet - drawing these sins into the light is curing, sanitizing, healing.

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We drag out of the shadows the antisemitism that has haunted our faith from the book of John until this very moment.

We drag out of the dusk the islamophobia that inspired crusades hundreds of years ago, and this very moment.

We drag out of the dark ditch every monster who loves money more than mercy, loves power more than service, loves self more than community, loves war more than peace.

We expose all of these sins of ourselves, our cultures, our traditions, and our world to your light.

Send us to Siloam.

Heal us.

And make us light-bringers and healers who work alongside you. In that way, we lift into your light the following people and places, situations and concerns - the good and the bad - we lift these into your light and pray...

*(personal prayers)*

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus, who hears our prayers.

.....“Our Mother/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**

#### **\*Hymn for New Week:**

**MV 178**

*“Who Is My Mother”*

#### **Benediction & Carrying out the Light:**

The light of Christ is with you. Where you travel, so goes this light. So carry this light with you to all places. Let it shine so people give glory to God who makes that glow. And know – whether you feel

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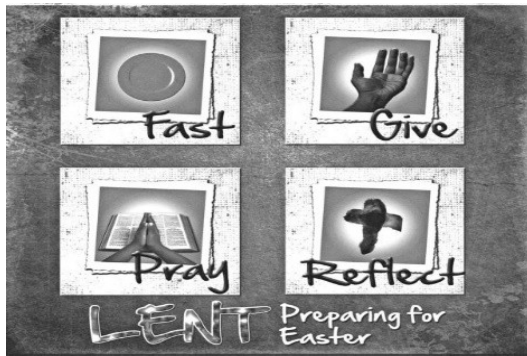
like embers or feel like a bonfire – God is with you, God is connecting you with others, and we do not face this world alone. Amen.

*Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts*

**Choral Benediction:** MV 221 I Am Walking a Path of Peace

*I am walking a path of peace, (3X)  
Lead me home, lead me home.*

**Go now in the peace of Christ!**



# Little Current United Church PC

## Welcome

## To Worship



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## “Lent 5”

## March 22, 2026

Hymns for March 22, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 27 MV Creator God You Gave Us Life

1. Creator God you gave us life,  
your image formed within our souls,  
yet through the mist of time and space,  
we search for that which makes us whole.

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,  
and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page,  
we comprehend your mystery.*

2. In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,  
we see your great diversity,  
yet greater still we see your love,  
expressed in our humanity. **Refrain...**

3. When with our hearts, our hands our minds,  
we share our gifts with all the world,  
our spirits soar beyond the veil,  
to touch the very face of God. **Refrain.**

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#2. Are You A Shepherd MV 126

1. Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

**Refrain: Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving.  
God, you are with us wherever we go.**

2. Are you a mother, good mother, who bears us,  
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepare us,  
challenging students to offer their best? **R.**

3. Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight. **R.**

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#3 MV 178 "Who Is My Mother"

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

2. Differently abled, differently labelled,  
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:  
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,  
all come together round Jesus Christ.

3. Love will relate us, colour or status  
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:  
family failings, human de-railings,  
are all accepted round Jesus Christ.

4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ. Amen!

