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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026
Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day
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

By telephone, by email, by text, by note, we send an invitation. This morning, we light this Christ candle as our invitation. Come, let us respond to Jesus' invite to his table. (+1)

- Light the Christ Candle.

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Call to Worship:

Come to this time of worship as a child, trusting in God's goodness

All: We come, wanting to bring the enthusiasm of trust, and innocence of a child.

One: Come, to remember who you are, and more importantly, whose you are.

All: We are children of God, coming once again to remember and celebrate who God is and what God has done for us.

One: Let us worship God together.

Invocation:

Loving God, thank you for inviting us to this time together.

May all we do reflect our gratitude of being your guests; and may we extend that invitation to your presence of love through how we live. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King" VU 217

Learning Time for All Ages:-

**Jesus' idea of
what "family" means**



Listening

Hymn of Illumination (MV 81)

**Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace;
Jesus, in your mercy, draw us to your face.**

Holy Scripture:

Acts 17:22-31 (Paul points the Athenians to "the unknown god.")

John 14:15-21 (The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you.)

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Sermon: " God is Larger Than Language."

Communion Hymn: "I Come With Joy" VU 477

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Holy Communion:



M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

Held in Hope – We hold up Ukrainian Mothers

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Remembering that God's family is our family, let us reach out in love and gratitude as we present our offering for our family in the community, and across our country, and over our world, and through God's cosmos. (+2)

(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)

Holy God, Unknown and Known, we offer you these gifts we know - time and prayer, money and promises. We ask you to send these gifts to all those we know, and don't know, to do your will of loving all. Thank you. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Mother God, Father God, Creator God, God who is Beyond Language - you are who glues this family together in all our diversity and differences.

We pray today as family, aware of how joyful and how hard of a day this is culturally.

We ask your special blessing of love and presence on: the Moms who are struggling, and those filled with incandescent joy.

On the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

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On the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, and on the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fiercely.

Blessings on those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

And on those who knew they never wanted kids, and on the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

And blessings on those who regret their choice regarding children - whatever that choice was.

Blessings on those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

Blessings on those remembering Moms no longer with us.

And on those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

God, awaken your Advocate within us that believes in the goodness in others; that holds to hope; that is your love present in the world.

Bless us all with this sense of being family through the Spirit that knits us heart to heart. Amen. (+3)

Going Forth Into The World

Going Out Hymn: "Worship the Lord" VU 401

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

May the foretaste of heaven sustain your hope and trust and love. May you know a still yet larger, grander feasts awaits us.

A feast where everyone is invited by God, and where peace and joy replace all conflict and sorrow.

Blessed Christian Family Sunday to you.

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

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Choral Benediction: VU 974

**Amen! Amen !
Hallelujah, amen!**

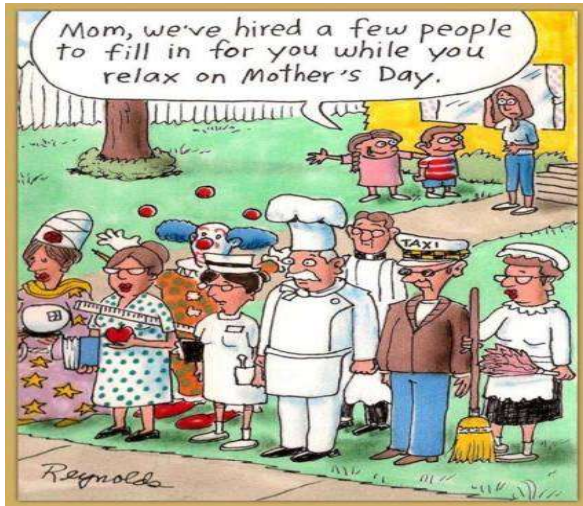
Go now in the peace of Christ!

Resources Sourced:

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(+2) Revised from George Allan, LE 2026 page 52

(+3) Revised from Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church



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Welcome

To Worship

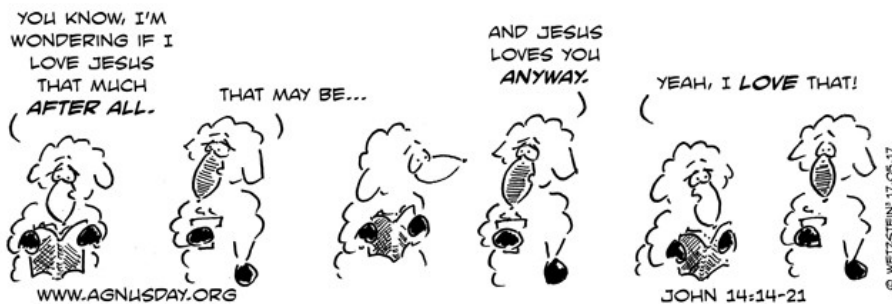


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Hymns for May 10, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 VU 217 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing: hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
2. O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft, sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find voice:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
3. Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way: sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah! hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
4. And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part: sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah! hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
5. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness: sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah! hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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#2. 477 VU *I Come With Joy*

1. I come with joy, a child of God; forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love, in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends. The love that made us,
makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world, the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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#3 401 VU *Worship the Lord*

*Refrain: Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
*worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hand (raising our hands)
In devotion to God who is one!*

1. Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! **R.**
2. Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! **R.**
3. Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! **R.**
4. Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one! **R.**
5. Now in response to the life you are giving,
+help us, O Father, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one! **R.**

