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

First Sunday after Pentecost – May 31, 2026

MESSY CHURCH

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

This candle reminds us Christ is present wherever 2 or 3 are gathered. Christ's light shines in the day, and in the night, in the winter and in the summer, in the times of worry and the times of joy. Christ is here with us.

- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call to Worship:

Your response is: **Let's plant a garden!**

One: Come young and aged, come one and all

All: Let's plant a garden!

One: Come to hear Jesus' parables of plants. Come to wonder at God's creation.

All: Let's plant a garden!

One: Come to worship the Master Gardener who invites us saying,

All: Let's plant a garden!

Invocation:

Creator of all, we come in worship today celebrating your gardening hands. Weed from us all that keeps us from growing in your light. Plant in us seeds of love and joy, forgiveness and peace. Garden us. Amen

Opening Hymn: "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU 307

Listening

Holy Scripture:

Mark 4:26-29

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Learning Time for All Ages:-

We Do Not Know How

- The wonder of sprouting seeds
- The importance of connecting to creation
- Victory Gardens as gardens of hope
- Items the NEMI Library can help you experience garden wonder
- Messy Church planting seeds and labeling



MESSY CHURCHTIME.....

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Minute 4 Right Relations.

“Moose Hide Campaign”

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Let us plant seeds of time, talent, treasure and terra. God shall take them and work wonders!

(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)

Bless our offerings, Creator God. Let them sprout and grow in ways we don't even know. Let their harvest be shared with all. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Holy One, Creator of All - we offer roses and thorns today.

Roses are the times we have noticed you, and your love. We name these now (.....)

Thorns are the times we have known sorrow, anger, fear. We name these now (.....)

We pray to you because you are our gardener. You tend to our roots and help them grow deep in faith to draw up the nutrients you offer in scripture, in community, in experience, in insight.

You are our rain, washing away the dust of life and rejuvenating us. You are our sun warming our hearts and sustaining our lives. You, too, are the garden who planted us, and who will one day gather us home. In your son's holy name we pray today and say the prayer he taught us saying OUR...

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...“Our Father/Mother/God who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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: “O Beautiful Gaia” MV 41

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

Go with the blessing of God to wonder, to not know, but to explore this marvelous Eden we are placed within! Go and garden. 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:
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Some things are best left to the imagination.

Little Current United Church PC

Welcome

To Worship



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“First after Pentecost”

Messy Church Sunday

May 31, 2026

Hymns for May 31, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 *Touch the Earth Lightly* (VU 307)

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one

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#2 MV 41 "O Beautiful Gaia"

Refrain: O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

1. Soil yielding its harvest,
O Gaia, calling us home.
Soil yielding its harvest,
calling us on. **Refrain.**
2. Waves crashing on granite,
O Gaia, calling us home.
Waves crashing on granite,
calling us on. **Refrain.**

3. Pine bending in windstorm,
O Gaia, calling us home.
Pine bending in windstorm,
calling us on. **Refrain.**
4. Loon nesting in marshland,
O Gaia, calling us home.
Loon nesting in marshland,
calling us on. **Refrain.**

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