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

Twenty Second after Pentecost – November 16, 2025
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

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

We sojourn on this land with those who are hooved and those with pads. We drink these waters with those who have feathers and those who have scales. We live here with those who came before us, and those who will come after us. Although we cannot change the past, and the wrongs Settler peoples and ways have done to Indigenous peoples and ways; Although we cannot reverse the industrial revolution and pollution of the world; we can be committed to a better present, and better future. This is Earth. This is gaia. This is Turtle Island. This is Mnidoo Mnising, Spirit Island, Manitoulin. This is home to Anishinaabe and immigrants, settlers and Metis.

This is home to animals and plants and more seen and unseen.

Because God calls us to be stewards, not conquerors,
let us walk more humbly and softly with our neighbours.

Centering:

Anthem: *‘To Show By Touch and Word’*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus said: Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good deeds, and give glory to God. We light this candle as a reminder to let our light shine - to boldly do good - to bring glory to God.

(The Christ candle is lit)

Call to Worship

One: As we move deeper into the fall season, witnessing the falling leaves and feeling the cooling temperatures, we take time to celebrate God's presence among, with, and within us.

All: We come, then, to cherish the good we share with one another, to treasure the riches of our relations as a body of living faith, connected to all creation.

One: As we come, let us join together in prayer: (+1)

Invocation *(together)*

Sometimes, O God, we consider the growing bareness of the trees, and we wonder what to expect in the fallow time of winter yet to come. We have experienced the circle of life that keeps renewing. We hope for that same renewing among and within each of us, but also within this, our faith family, and creation itself. As we gather for worship, may we keep discovering your gifts in one another, and encourage each in not wearying in doing what is right. (+1)

**** Opening Hymn:** “Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name” **VU 426**

Learning Time for all:

Herod's Temple



Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

MV 214

*May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.*

HOLY SCRIPTURES

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *(Do not weary on doing what is right')*

Luke 21: 5-19 *(Persecution in the days to come, trust God!)*

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.
And may they awaken in our hearts.

Sermon: *“The busy-ness of business.”*

***Learning Hymn**

VU 278

“In The Quiet Curve of Evening”

3.

Your Generosity Matters. Nov. 16, 2025

**Local Generosity
Being There When We Are Needed.**

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

May we commit time, talent, treasure, and terra to God as disciples of Jesus.

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:**

(VU 538)

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Prayer of Commitment *(unison)*

We offer these gifts to you, dear God, in gratitude for all you do for us. You gift us so much, and ask that we wisely use our time, skills, earth and money to do good. So we pool our resources together and ask your blessings on them to make them, and us, do so much good together. Thank you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear God, Creator of time, when will it be and what signs will happen that the Time is near?

How do we forever stay on guard?

Won't we end up nervous basket cases?

Dear Jesus, our guide, have we been led astray? Many use your name to proclaim the Time is Near and Judgement is at hand. How do we know who to pay attention to and follow?

Dear Holy Spirit, who is like a dove of peace, we hear of wars and rumors of wars. We know of insurrections and we fear more political violence. Nations against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms bring us fear. Replace our fearful hearts and anxious minds with your divine peace. Reassure us we are given a spirit of peace, not fear. Love, not hate.

4.

Godhead, Three in One, Dancers, teach us how to be in harmony as you are. Teach us to respond to natural disasters with grace. Guide us in the dance of sharing resources and building one another up to be resilient. Be with us as we seek signs from heaven.

Dear God, Parent to us all, incarnate in Jesus, with us in Spirit, we pray for relatives and friends who have turned against us. We pray for all who hate us because of your name. We pray for our enemies because you told us to love all - even those who hate us. Our endurance, our refusal to become people of hate, people of cruelty, people of evil gains us our souls.

Let us be the people who do not weary doing good.

We pray too today for... *(personal prayers)*

We pray all of this in Jesus' holy name and pray as he taught us saying

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

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth Hymn:

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

We have received the Good News, and we are challenged to live faithfully. We have sung hymns of praise, and we go out into the community with joy in our hearts. We have prayed fervently and experienced the touch of the divine. So - let us go out strengthened, encouraged, enriched. Let us go out into a world that sorely needs to experience radical love. Let us go, and let us be the church everywhere we wander until we meet again. Go with God! Amen. (+2)

- Light is extinguished.

5.

Choral Benediction: *Let There Be Peace*

1. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
2. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

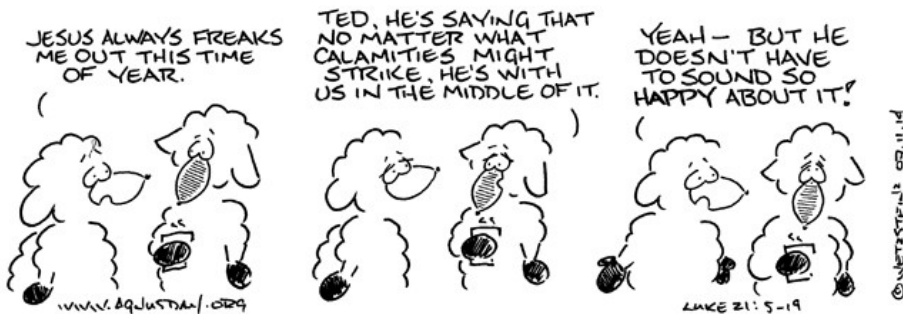
Go now in the peace of Christ!



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(+2) – Revised from Laura Turnbull, *Gathering* Page 40, Pentecost 2, 2025



I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS!



THE WORLD
BEHIND ME

THE CROSS
BEFORE ME



NO TURNING BACK.
NO TURNING BACK.

Welcome to Worship

With

Little Current Pastoral Charge



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Twenty-Third after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Hymns for November 16, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 VU 426 “Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name”

1. Saviour again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
then, in the silence hear your word of peace.
2. Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the days;
guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.
3. Grant us your peace throughout the coming night;
turn all our darkness to your perfect light;
then, through our sleep, our hope and strength renew,
for dark and light are both alike to you.
4. Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
comfort in sorrow, courage in our strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, at last, to our eternal peace.

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#2 278 VU “In The Quiet Curve of Evening”

1. In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
In the lapses of my breathing,
in the space between my ways,
in the crater carved by deadness, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.
2. In the rests between the phrases,
in the crack between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.
In the melting down of endings,
in the cooling of the sun,
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

3. In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are here.
In the empty cave of grieving
in the desert of my dreams
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

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#3. SONG – “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus –
no turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me –
no turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow –
no turning back, no turning back.
4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? –
no turning back, no turning back.

