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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
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Twenty Second after Pentecost – November 9, 2025
Remembrance Day Sunday
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: **Make Me A Channel of Your Peace**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Peace is a candle in the wind

Fragile. Vulnerable. Weak.

We light this candle, a small precarious light, and it will go out eventually. But Christ is the light of the world.

Christ's peace is not the world's peace.

Christ's peace is not the peace of Rome or pax-any-empire.

Christ's peace surpasses understanding and cannot be extinguished.

It is the peace of God. This light reminds us of the true light, the true peace, that shall always thrive. **(The Christ candle is lit)**

2.

Call to Worship

One: In times of war, in times of peace--

All: The Creator is present.

One: On the battlefield, at the peace table--

All: the Christ is present.

One: With the wounded and the dying, and with those who wait--

All: The Spirit is present.

One: And what is God doing?

All: Grieving over the injustice.

Grieving over the brokenness.

Grieving over the loss.

One: And?

All: And calling us back

to repentance, to renewal, to life abundant, to peace.

One: So today, in our remembrance, in our songs, in our prayers...

All: Let us worship the One who is with All no matter what. Let us worship God as we remember. (+1)

Invocation ***(together)***

In a world lost in unrest, we pray for your peace, O God.

In a world lost in mistrust, we pray for your peace, O God.

In a world in which wars and violence continue, we pray for your peace, O God. When we want to draw inward, may your peace, O God, help us to keep our spirits open to opportunities to share your compassion and care. In this world, O God, may we be a beacon light of peace. Amen. (+2)

**** Opening Hymn:** *"Land of Hope"*

TLUS #63

Learning Time for all:

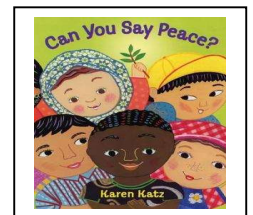
Can You Say Peace by Karen Katz

Can you say peace in some of Canada's languages?

English - peace

French Canadian - paix

**Eastern Ojibwe and Odawa - waan'kii (safe from danger)
or mnwendmawin (contentment)**



3.

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 2:1-5,13-17 (*Don't be deceived; stand fast in traditions*)

Luke 20: 27-38 (*A woman marries seven brothers; whose wife is she..*)

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

And may they awaken in our hearts.

Sermon: 'For to God, All Of Them Are Alive'

***Communion Hymn**

"You Are My Body" MV 200



HOLY COMMUNION:

Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters. Nov. 9, 2025

Partnering for Climate Responsibility

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Jesus' example is to live for the community, die for the community, and be resurrected in the community. We are the collective community of God - from Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, to Mary and Joseph, to Paul, through the centuries and millennia - to now. Let us live into that ever living community of God and invest ourselves and our resources towards the peaceable kin-dom of God.

(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.

4.

Prayer of Commitment (*unison*)

Holy God, in the example of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way, we offer these gifts and ourselves so that we may support the work of all who seek to be peace and blessings in this community, this country, this world, and beyond. Amen. (+3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

What more is there to offer as we bow our heads pleading you for peace, Gracious God! We confess that we yearn for

- peace from the memories that keep up awake at night
- peace from the things that haunt us as we worry about precious loved ones
- peace from the anxieties that plague us as we are concerned about climate change, economic depression, and injustices in political systems
- peace from the worried about health issues
- peace in the midst of financial struggles
- peace in the midst of family tensions,
- peace for armed forces personnel and their families and for all who live with trauma as a result of service to country
- peace in the midst of grief for families who have lost loved ones
- peace for the people of Israel
- peace for the people of Palestine
- peace for the people of Russia
- peace for the people of Ukraine
- peace for the people of Sudan
- peace for your beloved people everywhere around this wonderful World.
- let there be peace!

In thankfulness and hope, we seek lasting justice, mercy, and deep abiding shalom from you, Peace-Giving God. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth Hymn:

MV 149

"Peace For the Children" vs 1-5, 10

5.

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

Go from here determined to remember veterans and their families, their communities and descendants. Let the lessons of the past impact us now. Go from here determined to live, as much as it is up to you, in peace. Go from here filled with God's peace and be peace to all you meet. Amen.

- Light is extinguished.

Choral Benediction: *Let There Be Peace*

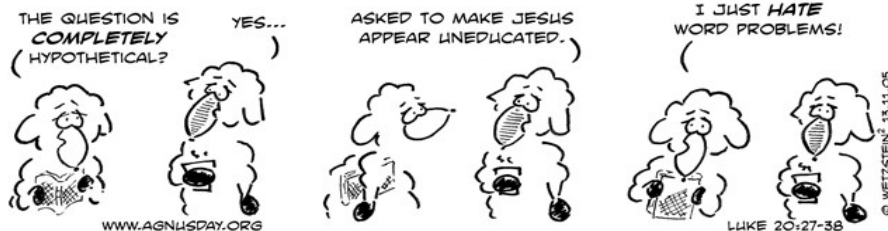
1. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
2. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be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

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Hymns for November 9, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 TLUS 63 Land of Hope

1. "Land of Hope," a cry of many, how a people see their space:
one of refuge from a peril or a promise to embrace.
Yet at times, the land awakens seeds of conflict and despair,
Yielding fruit where our Creator, God alone can bring repair.
2. Language surely frames a people capturing their essence well.
Bound together through the ages with great pow'r their stones tell.
But, O God, who spoke Creation, you are grieved when language dies.
For we have no words to praise you or console each other's cries.
3. Liberation from all bondage for the spirit, body, mind.
Sweet release from what confines us. Is there peace for us to find?
Yes! The Greatest Liberator longs to lead us to that place,
where we see a new beginning and richness of God's grace.

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#2 200 MV "You Are My Body"

1. "You are my body!" Joy and wonder!
Assembled in our Saviour's name,
our scattered spirits gladly gather
the Way of Jesus to proclaim.
Come Spirit, weave us into one,
to show and tell what God has done.
2. "This is my body!" Simply Glory! –
a cup of wine, a loaf of bread
feed us, and join us to the story
of Christ, arisen from the dead,
whose Life, forever flowing free,
enlivens all: O taste and see!
3. At one with Christ, around the table
where all my eat, and nothing pay,
where all are honoured and enabled,
and none are scorned or turned away,
we prophesy, with broken bread,
a world where every child is fed.
4. We are your body! One in Spirit,
dear Christ, with all your church, we pray
your body language to inherit.

Come, lead us in your truthful way!
To seek for what is fair and right:
shall be our duty and delight!

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#3. 149 MV Peace for the Children.

1. Peace for the children, peace, peace.
Peace for the children we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
we work for healing, we work for peace;
peace for the children today.
2. Peace for the women, peace, peace.
Peace for the women we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
we work for healing, we work for peace;
peace for the women today.
3. Peace for the men, peace, peace.
Peace for the men we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
we work for healing, we work for peace;
peace for the men today.
4. Peace in our families, peace, peace.
Peace in our families we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
we work for healing, we work for peace;
peace in our families today.
5. Peace for the nations, peace, peace.
Peace for the nations we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
we work for healing, we work for peace;
peace for the nations today.
10. Peace for the soul, peace, peace.
Peace for the soul we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
we work for healing, we work for peace;
peace for the soul today.

