

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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Thanksgiving Sunday -- October 12, 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

*Moving from the busy world – entering sacred space,
giving our time and energy to God.*

Anthem - The Choir

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Red like maple leaves, yellow like birch leaves, orange like oak leaves: the colours of fall are the colours of fire. We light this Christ candle in gratitude, miigwechwendan, for the love of Christ, in gratitude, miigwechwendan, for the changing season, in gratitude, miigwechwendan, for this day.

(The Christ candle is lit)

2.

Call to Worship:

One: Creator God, provider of seed, water, and sun,

All: Gchi-miigwech!

One: For the health and energy of bodies to harvest,

All: Gchi-miigwech!

One: For the support of families and neighbours,

All: Gchi-miigwech!

One: For the beautiful garden you've created called Earth

All: Gchi-miigwech!

One: For your amazing love and grace!

All: Gchi-miigwech! (+1)

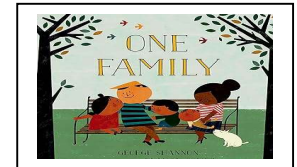
Invocation (together)

Holy God, we come together in thankfulness at your invitation. Today we intend to share your table, and remember this table extends across space and time to all places, all peoples, all creation. We come with gratitude, miigwechwendan, to worship. Amen.

**** Opening Hymn: "We Plough The Fields" VU 520**

Learning Time for All Ages:

**"One Family" - by George Shannon,
Pictures by Blanca Gomez**



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

Psalm 111 VU 833 (Praise God for Wonderful Works)

Luke 17:11-19 (Jesus cleanses ten men with skin disease)

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

And may they awaken in our hearts.

3.

Sermon: "Take A Moment for Gratitude."

***Communion Hymn**

"Then Let Us Sing: "Build a Longer Table"

HOLY COMMUNION:



Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters.

Setting More Tables Together

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

In gratitude, let us commit our lives to God's vision of a world of one big family, diverse, and yet, unified!

(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 ask you to bless what we offer, O God, as part of the body of Christ. May our generosity and gratitude cause ripples of joy-filled laughter and hope to spread. Though these gifts gratefully given, may your blessing become our dance of delight as we share our gifts. Amen. (+2)

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GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth Hymn:

VU 517

"Praise God For the Harvest"

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

May you go certain you have family everywhere -

May you go to eat the harvest and share it everywhere -

May you go and let every breath be a prayer : gchi-miigwech -
thank you -

May you go with God. Amen!

- Light is extinguished.

Choral Benediction: VU 424

1. May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,

singing, share our joy with all,

working for a world that's new,

faithful with we hear Christ's call.

2. May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **Refrain.**

Go now in the peace of Christ!



*Moving from the This sacred space, taking God's love and energy back into the
busy world to love and serve our neighbours*

Sources Resourced (used with permission)

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THANK YOU -

A message from R. Wor. Bro. Brent Forsyth
To the members of the Little Current and Sheguiandah United Church.
Thank you for the warm welcome and the opportunity to worship and engage in fellowship with you. It was truly a wonderful day, and I deeply appreciated the sense of community and spirit shared among us.



Welcome to Worship With Little Current Pastoral Charge



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Hymns for October 12, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 VU 520 “We Plough the Fields”

1. We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter, and warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread. **Refrain.**
3. We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts

Refrain.

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#2 Then Let Us Sing: Build a Longer Table

1. Build A Longer Table, not a higher wall
feeding those who hunger, making room for all
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces, false divisions end.
2. Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail.
Where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
3. Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences, all are welcome here.

4. When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam,
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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#3. VU 517 “Praise God for the Harvest”

1. Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.
2. Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.
3. Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
then sifted, and smelted, and shaped, and refined;
for oil and for iron for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.
4. Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover create, and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.
5. Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

