

**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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**Nineteenth after Pentecost Sunday - October 19, 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.*

**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**

You're invited to take a deep breath and make space for the Spirit... as we remember Christ's words, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."  
**(The Christ candle is lit)**

**Call to Worship:** (UiW)

We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.

We are called together by Christ

**2.**

as a community of broken but hopeful believers,  
loving what he loved, living what he taught,  
striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.

Our ancestors in faith bequeath to us

experiences of their faithful living;

upon their lives our lives are built.

Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints, experiencing the fulfillment of God's reign. (+1)

**Invocation** (UiW) ***(together)***

**Source of Life, Holy One** you bind us in relationship with those in our families, communities and with people throughout your world. You remind us that we are inextricably tied to all elements of your creation. We thank you for Christ's life, shared with humanity, that we might gain a glimpse of your Holy Mystery in love personified.

**As we worship today, we ask that our eyes, ears, minds, and hearts be open to your will. We ask that your spirit be made known to each of us as we strive to live out your word. Amen**

**\*\* Opening Hymn:** *"This Is The Day"* **VU 412**

**Learning Time for all:**

***Healing of a Sick Child***

**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 119: 97-110** **VU 840** *(How I love God's law.)*

**Luke 18:1-8** *(Parable of the Widow and the unjust Judge)*

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

**And may they awaken in our hearts.**

3.

**Sermon:**

**“Why Pray?”**

**\*Learning Hymn**    *“Be Thou My Vision”*    **VU 642**

**Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters.**    *Oct.19, 2025*

**40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism – update.**

**Responding to the Word**

**Invitation to Commitment:**    (UIW)

As people who yearn for new opportunities to put our faith into action, we give thanks for God’s presence in our lives. We give thanks by celebrating what we have and share that with God and God’s people.    *(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)

**These gifts are to provide living water for lives that are parched, Life-Giving God, and actual food and water for any who live with a scarcity of these essentials. These gifts are offered to encourage those who wonder if their hopes will ever come to fruition, and to support the gardeners who lovingly tend your world and its peoples in so many ways Amen.**    (+2)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Holy One    Holy All    Holy More ...

The One whom we gather around and within.

The All of each breath every moment, and every mystery.

The More of wonder, of thought, life and love.

You – the One, the All, the More....

We -- your people ... gather.    God,

we cannot keep our gratitude to ourselves,

for all the wonders around us.

4.

Each day we are given a new chance to live and breathe.

We can begin again, ways of kindness.

It is a new day to work for justice;

a new opportunity to live in right relationship with family, neighbours, friends, and all of creation.

Accept our thankful, grateful hearts,

and expand our appreciation to embrace the un-embraceable.

God of Mercy, we are mindful of the trouble around our world....

There is plenty to eat,

yet there are so many hungry people – teach us to share.

There is a desire for peace,

yet some children have only known war – teach us to care.

We have the knowledge needed to protect for our environment,

yet we still choose comfort and ease – teach us to sacrifice.

There is so much to do, teach us to begin, right where we are,

one day at a time, one positive action for each moment.

We pray for those whom we love, and those who love us.

Help us pray for those whom we do not understand,

that our hearts may grow.

Gathered as a family of faith, Named by you as beloved and

worthy, united by the Spirit, in communion with all creation –

we join our voices to pray in the way that Jesus taught,

each in the language of our heart:    (+3)

We pray together in the words of our ancestors in faith, saying,

.....**“Our 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 forever  
and ever.” AMEN**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

**Sending Forth Hymn:**

**VU 376**

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

5.

**Benediction & Carrying out the Light:**

Creator, you have gifted us with endless blessings:  
Help us this week to open our eyes to see these blessings.  
You have gifted us with the life of Christ who shows us the way.  
Help us this week to live lives that reflect the love of Christ.  
You have asked us to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
Help us to see our neighbor's needs and act,  
that all will know we are Christian by our love.

***- 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*

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With  
Little Current Pastoral Charge**



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Sunday  
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## Hymns for October 19, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

### #1 VU 412 *"This is the Day"*

1. This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made,  
that our God has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is a day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.
2. Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.
3. You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name,  
we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name.

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### #2 *Be Thou My Vision* VU 642

1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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### #3. VU 376 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the Living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

