

Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge
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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service

~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Seventeenth after Pentecost -- October 5, 2025

Creation 5 – Masonic Lodge 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

*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 Mniidoo Mnis, 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

Christ told us to let our light shine before others - so others will see our good deeds and give glory to God. This candle is a reminder Christ is among us, and we are to shine.

(The Christ candle is lit)

Call to Worship:

One: Come let us be a community

All: Come let us be the body of Christ

One: Come, let us proclaim our faith

2.

All: A faith passed on to us from grandmothers and grandfathers, aunties and uncles, neighbours and friends

One: Come, let us worship our God

All: Who is known to us in community

Invocation (together)

Holy God, let our worship today unite us in desire to do good in your name. Let us be empowered to empower others. Let us be centres of peace to spread harmony among our communities.

Holy God, let us be your lights. Amen.

**** Opening Hymn:**

VU 260

“God Who Gives to Life It’s Goodness”

Learning Time for All Ages:

Who are the Masons?

- By Brent Forsythe



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

Luke 17:5-10 - A mustard seed

2 Timothy 1:1-14 - A Spirit

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

And may they awaken in our hearts.

Sermon: ***“A spirit of power and of love
and of self-discipline.”***

***Learning Hymn**

VU 660

“How Firm a Foundation”

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Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters.

Canada - Preparing a Place of Healing

&

Locally - (Masons and the Sudbury Alzheimer's Association)

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Let us commit to being mustard seeds that spread good medicine everywhere - let us commit in word and deed, prayer and time, treasure and talent.

(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 deposit to you, O God, these commitments. We know you will guard them, and use them, to bring about wonders in all our communities. We pray this assurance in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

- Rev. Whitney Bruno.

Finishing with..... Jesus who taught us to pray...

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 them that 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.

4.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth Hymn:

VU 713

"I See A New Heaven"

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

Let us go out with God's Holy Spirit that overcomes fear not with violence and more fear, but with love, and self-restraint. Let us go out not scared of what today, or tomorrow holds, but trusting that in all things, God abides with us and gifts us community so we are never alone. 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!

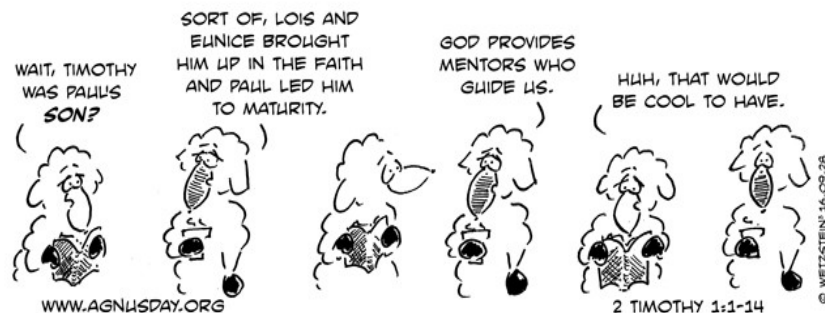


Moving from the This sacred space, taking God's love and energy back into the busy world to love and serve our neighbours

Join in the Fellowship Hall for Lunch and a time to
get to know the Mason's who serve in our area.
They welcome questions and your friendship.



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Psalm 133 – (NRSV)

The Blessedness of Unity - A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

Welcome to Worship

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Hymns for October 5, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 VU 260 “God Who Gives to Life It’s Goodness”

1. God who give to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who give to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

2. God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending
all our acts by Love refined.

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#2 VU 660 How Firm A Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, your servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled?

2. “Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I’ll never – no never – no never forsake!”

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#3. VU 713 “I See a New Heaven”

Refrain: *I see a new heaven, I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

1. There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. **R**

2. There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. **R**

3. There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, beating new light,
reveals the promise of love. **R**

4. There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
To build a promised new land. **R**

