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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am – October 18, 2026

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshiping with us today. Please sign guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

We Approach God

Centering:

Land Acknowledgement

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waebijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories. In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives with peoples who call this place home. We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

Lighting the Christ Candle

For hundreds of thousands of years, humans have gathered around fire. Fire is warmth, food, protection, guidance, illumination, purification, and so much more. When Jesus came to us, he said 'I am the light of the world.' This candle reminds us he is our warmth, food, protection, guidance, illumination, purification and so much more. -***Light the Christ Candle.***

Call To Worship:

One: your response to my question is: Let's ask God together
Is it lawful to support corrupt governments?
All: Let's ask God together
Is it lawful to support corrupt businesses?
All: Let's ask God together
Is it lawful to support corrupt churches?
All: Let's ask God together

Invocation (unison)

Wise God, we come to you and ask for your guidance in navigating our morally grey world. We gather to learn from you today and praise you for your illuminating.

Opening Hymn: VU 507
"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Learning Time for All Ages:-

What Would You Ask God?



Listening

Hymn of Illumination VU 579 vs 2

The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed

Scripture Reading.

Psalm 96:1-13 (VU 816)
Matthew 22:15-22

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

Sermon: "What belongs to God?"

Learning Hymn: *"When We Are Living"* **VU 581**

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

Circle of Twelve
Since 1979, The United Church of Canada has been accompanying the work of the Morogoro Women's Training Centre (MWTC)

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

- Rev. Whitney Bruno

(offerings are brought forward)

***Offertory Hymn:** *VU (537) Your Work,O God..... .*

1. Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

2. Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayer of Commitment

One: We offer you, God, what belongs to you. Accept these blessings, multiply them, and send them and us out to be blessings to all your creation. And God's people said:
All: Amen.

Prayers of the People

ONE:
God of All
Mother to each
Father to every
Creator of the cosmos:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on those who govern our land,
Leaders of our nation, our province, and our community
and all who are running for office.

Grant them a love of justice.
Open their minds with wisdom and compassion,
so all people may be treated fairly and with dignity.

Have them attend to the cries of the desperate and powerless
so cycles of poverty, disease, and abuse may be broken.

Have them attend to how best to respond with courage to do the right thing,
even when pressured to do otherwise.

Dawn a new day of integrity and servant leadership upon our land.
Shower down your Spirit of collaboration for the common good
that there may be lasting peace and plenty for all.

God of all families, all nations, all peoples, all the earth:
Salvation of saint and sinner
faithful and hypocrite

Deliver us of scheming
testing
entraping
either/or motivations and motives

Heal us with your wisdom
Your truth
Change our hearts and ways
to match yours with
no partiality
only the common good.

We declare your glory and goodness. We have seen your strength and beauty in these good situations and answered prayers....

(personal)

We call upon your greatness, and salvation. Send your power and healing in these situations and to these people we name now.... (+1)

(personal)

All of this we pray in the name of Christ, our Light, our Brother, our Saviour, who taught us to pray : **"Our Creator, 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, forever and ever." AMEN**

Going Forth Into The World

Closing Hymn: *"God Ever-Moving"* ***TLUS 5***

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

A new song floats about you made of wind, crisp leaves, and silence. Holy splendor reflects in morning frost, and in ever sharper stars. Divine salvation guides some into hibernation, and others into long journeys, and others into a slower, softer pace. The beauty of God surrounds you. The strength of God empowers you. The glory of God guides you. Go with God's blessing and join creation's praise. Amen.

Light is extinguished, ***(we carry the light in our hearts)***

Choral Benediction: **VU 245 Praise the Lord …… Trumpet**

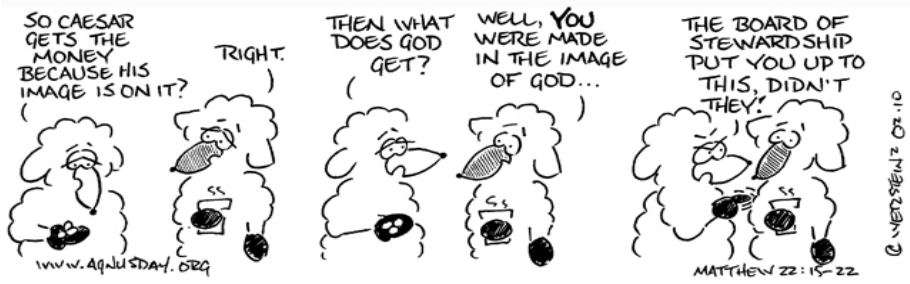
Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain
or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

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Go now in the peace and Love of Christ!

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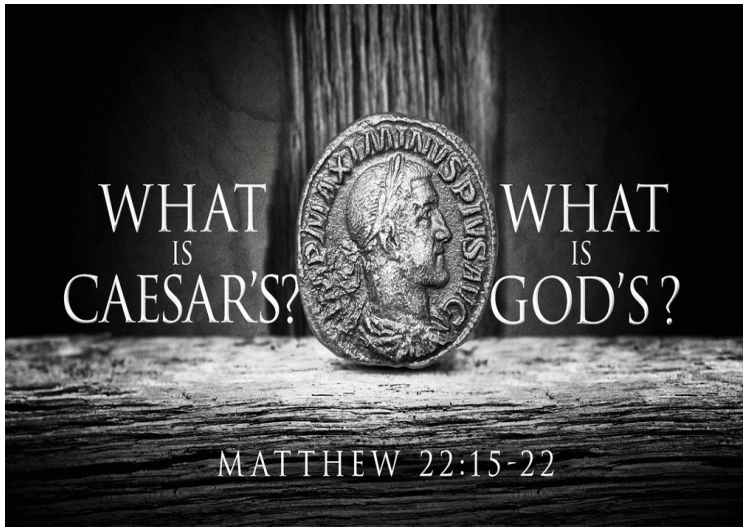
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Welcome

To Worship



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Hymns – Oct 18, 2026 for Little Current United Church

#1 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* ***(VU 507)***

1.Today we are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last

2.God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

3.Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflict cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

4.May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all he seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.



#2 VU 581 When We Are Living

1.When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

2.Through all our living, we our fruits mut give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

3.'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

4.Across this wide world we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed then,
we belong to Gd, we belong to God.

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#3. 5 TLUS God Ever-Moving

1.God ever-moving, leading your people,
smoke on a mountain, fire in the night,
brighter than sunlight, hidden in darkness,
whispering, roaring justice and love.
Refrain: now and forever, trusting or doubting,
youthful or aging, your name we praise.

2.God sending Jesus filled with your Spirit,
one of your people, living your love,
followed, forsaken, battered and broken,
killed by an empire, risen alive – ***Refrain:***

3.God never finished, end and beginning,
judging, forgiving all that we are,
giving our living motive and meaning,
calling us onward bringing us home. ***Refrain:***

