

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost– September 13, 2026
10:00 am – Creation 2

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:

Water Acknowledgement

All life needs water. Nibi (water) is life. So we thank the North Channel for the gift of life. We thank Lake Huron for the gift of life. We thank the Anishinaabe-kwe who care for our sister and lead Water Walks. We thank the elders who teach Anishinaabeg and settler both to love water. We thank Creator for the gift of water - the gift of life – and we commit to protecting water.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Our God is a steady lamp, a flash light to our feet, a North star, a porch light left on - always showing us the way home. We light this candle to remind us God always welcomes us home.

- Light the Christ Candle.

Call To Worship:

Your invitation is "**We gather today.**"

One: What is our purpose today?

All: We gather today

One: to celebrate the abundance God has created for us.

All: We gather today

One: to reflect on our care of Creation and our responsibility to God's Creation

All: We gather today

One: to reflect on our care for each other, for all people, and for all creatures.

2.

All: We gather today

One: to remind ourselves of a world that was once perfect.

All: We gather today

One: to accept our responsibility to restore some of its grandeur.

All: We gather today

One: to celebrate our awesome Creator God! (+1)

Invocation (unison)

As a deer pants for water; as a turtle seeks a pond; as a beaver listens for trickling rivers; as a fish cannot live on land - so we, too, long for you, O God. Let us drink of your living waters today. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Where the Green Will Rise Again TLUS 157

Learning Time for All Ages:-

What is Church Membership?

**Welcoming Marilyn Neganegijig
as a new member
of Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge**



Listening

Hymn of Illumination (MV 173) vs1
***Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candleflame,
with tenderness enfold it.***

Scripture Reading.

**Exodus 14:19-31
Matthew 18:21-35**

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

Sermon: "The Forgiveness of Waters"

3.

Communion Hymn: 'We Gather Here'

VU 469

HOLY COMMUNION:



M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

FOOD4FUN

Westminster United Church in Orangeville, ON is helping children discover the joy of cooking, gardening, and being part of a welcoming community.

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

- Rev Whitney (The offerings are brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:**

*"These gifts we bring with grateful hearts
to reconcile, make new.
Gather us in grace, show us the way,
to live our lives in Truth -----
to share Your love in all we do."*

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

May our offerings be rain in parched lands; clean water to all life that thirsts; and living water of blessings to all creation.
Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Creator of torrential rains, and turbulent waters - rebuke the winds and still our hearts. Let us rest knowing you are our parent, our creator, our grandparent, our friend. You want to hear from us - every little thing and every big thing.

So Dear Divine One, Creator of gentle rains and peaceful waters - send your comfort upon.....

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Dear Divine One, Creator of joyful creeks and bubbling springs - thank you for

Dear Divine One, Creator of all that is, was, and shall be - thank you for creating the waters. Amen.

Going Forth Into The World

Closing Hymn:

MV 87

Water Flowing from the Mountains (Living Water)

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

Waters part before you - giving you dry land to carry God's blessings to all near and far. So let us depart, carrying the living water of Christ with us, to offer the blessing to all creation everywhere. God goes with you, leading the way, and empowering the blessings! Amen.

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

Choral Benediction: 577 VU ***I've Got Peace Like a River***

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in~a my soul.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in~a my soul.

2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in~a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in~a my soul.

3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean in~a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean in~a my soul.

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Resources Sourced:

(+1) - Revised from - Kim Inglis (formerly of Trinity Manitoulin) St Paul's Emmanuel Community Church, Englehart Ont. -, Gathering - Pentecost 2, 2026, page 26



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Welcome To Worship

***Join us for refreshments and welcoming Marilyn as a member of our congregation. Congratulate her, and thank her for choosing our congregation to worship with!
Welcome Marilyn!***

Extra Announcements.....

- Scott Woods tickets are now available - Nov. 1 is show time.
- They can be purchased on the Scott Wood's website or from the Manitoulin Expositor.
- Camp McDougall is seeking someone to join their board from the community of Manitoulin Island. Maybe that is you??
- Good Food Box moved from Sept 15 to Sept 22 - 8 am to 11 for this month. Help pack boxes for everyone working together to buy food in bulk. You can join in purchasing a box or donating a box too! We're stronger together.
Can you help out?



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**“Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost”
September 13, 2026
Creation 2, Communion
and Membership Sunday.**



Hymns – Sept. 13, 2026 for Little Current United Church

#1 TLUS 157 Where the Green will Rise Again

1. Where the green will rise again,
bud and blossom in the breaking,
earth will smile and ease her aching,
drought or flood, through sun or rain,
so the green will rise again.
2. Water, river, clear again,
when, with skill and science blending,
health returns from our befriending;
when we watch and nurture, then,
there the green will rise again.
3. Hands and minds with vision plain,
people with a sense of wonder,
caring lives that do not squander,
plant for futures to sustain,
so the green will rise again.
4. Where the green will rise again,
when God's world knows peace and healing,
common cause and common feeling,
love will make us her domain,
so the green will rise again.

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#2 VU 469 "We Gather Here" (Come, Share the Lord)

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2. He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

3. We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

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**#3. MV 87 Water Flowing from the Mountains
(Living Water)**

1. Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

**Refrain: Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
the love that makes our spirit grow.**

2. Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free. **Refrain.**
3. Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one. **Refrain.**

