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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service

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Fifteenth after Pentecost -- September 21, 2025

Creation 3 - 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 Mnidoo 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

The glory of the Son, (with an o)

The glory of the sun (with an u)

The glory of God

The glory of the good

The glory of Creation -

we light this candle reminding ourselves of the glory of everyday life which God has made holy through the Spirit and Christ.

(The Christ candle is lit)

2.

Call to Worship:

ONE: Our hearts ponder the beauty of God's majesty!

ALL: It's a poem of love for Creation

ONE: Our pens are ready to write, our brushes are ready to paint

ALL: the wonders of God's work!

ONE: The firmament displays the sea and sky --

ALL: proclaiming the majesty of God's presence

ONE: May Creator God come bless our hearts --

ALL: that we may show compassion and care

ONE: May we be humble, respectful, and grateful

ALL: For creation and for God, who keeps creating (+1)

Invocation (together)

Loving and merciful God, we are surrounded by your presence in all of creation and reminded of your love through its beauty. Touch us with your Spirit as we worship here, and fill us with the Spirit's joy and energy for our lives, we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (+2)

**** Opening Hymn:**

MV 30

"It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

Learning Time for All Ages:

**What would you do
with a billion dollars?**



Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

MV 7

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

***Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.***

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Psalm 113 – Responsive

Luke 16:1-13

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

And may they awaken in our hearts.

3.

Sermon: “You Cannot Serve Both God and Wealth.”

***Learning Hymn**

VU 696

“Homeless People, Will You Listen”

Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters.

“Bread for the Journey”

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Jesus speaks a lot about wealth - he was and is very concerned that we use our time, abilities, land, money and resources in ways that build up one another and the world. He didn't want us to sit on these and hoard them. And so, let us commit to giving a penny or several thousand pennies towards building up - and one yard or several hundred acres for nature - and one minute, or several days - of prayer and service - and one skill to use for another, or a lifetime of using our abilities to craft a more just, peaceful, and loving world. **Amen.**

(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)*

Giving God, as we make our commitment today, we pray for an end to the waste and desecration within your Creation. We pray for access to the fruits of Creation to be shared among all our relations equally - let our commitments align with your goals for a world restored for all creation. Amen. (+3)

Prayers of the People:

O Great Dreamer,
you dreamed up the stars in the sky.
You dreamed up that magic baby smell

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and the way cream sinks into coffee.
You dreamed up the crunch of fall leaves
and jazz music.
You dreamed up wisteria and evergreen
and the pure magic that is a six-foot tall sunflower.

And in the midst of all of that,
you dreamed up a dream for your people --
a dream of hope and justice
a dream for hearts wide open both to the world's suffering
and to the world's beauty.

So today, we ask that you plant that same dream in us.
Pour out your spirit on our hearts and minds so we notice what you notice, and we dream what you dream.

We bring forth into this dream
the people, places, and situations where suffering is known

(speak, write, type, sigh your personal prayers)

We bring forth into this dream the people, places, and situations
where beauty is known

(speak, write, type, sigh your personal prayers)

We bring forth into this dream the desire to make dreams reality,
and life on earth like it is in heaven. We join our dream and vision,
goal and desire with Jesus who taught us to pray... (+4)

**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.**

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth Hymn:

MV 127

“I Saw the Rich Ones” (Work for a World)

5.

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

The glory of people, The glory of animals

The glory of insects, The glory of rocks

The glory of creation awaits -

Go and shine with Creator's glory as you travel within God's beautiful garden. 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!

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(+4) - Revised from Beverly Brazier, *Gathering page 38, Pentecost 2, 2025*

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

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHY JESUS *LIKES*
THIS GUY.
HE'S A *CROOK!*



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SOME SCHOLARS* BELIEVE
HE WAS ACTUALLY CUTTING
OUT HIS OWN PROFIT FOR
THE SAKE OF HIS
RELATIONSHIPS.



*THX FITZGER!

HAH! AND I THOUGHT
THE BIBLE SAID
"MONEY CAN'T BUY ME LOVE."

(LHH... THAT'S
LENNON/McCARTNEY.



LUKE 16:1-13

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Welcome to Worship

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Hymns for September 21, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 MV 30 “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker”

1. It’s a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It’s a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea.

Refrain: *And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

2. It’s a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It’s a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore, **Refrain.**
3. It’s a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It’s a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song. **Refrain.**
4. It’s the chorus of all creation;
it’s sung by all living things.
It’s the chorus of all creation,
a song the universe sings. **Refrain.**

#2 VU 696 Homeless People, Will You Listen

1. “Homeless people, will you listen?
I, too, was a refugee.
Poor and hungry of my family,
I was born in poverty.”
So speaks Jesus to our sisters,
offering love and hope and peace.
In this man our God has met us
with a love that does not cease.
2. “Anxious people, can you hear me?
I was torn and hurt by fear.
Sick and suffering, maimed and wounded,
I knew doubt and bitter tear.”
So speaks Jesus to our brothers,
offering love and hope and peace.
In this man our God has met us
with love that does not cease.

3. “Homeless people, will you listen?
I was also refugee.
Poor and hungry of my family,
I was born in poverty.”
So speaks Jesus to his followers,
friends of his must learn to give.
Life is ours to share with others.
We are bound with all who live.

4. “Anxious people, can you hear me?
I was torn and hurt by fear.
Sick and suffering, maimed and wounded,
I knew doubt and bitter tear.”
So speaks Jesus to his followers,
friends of his must learn to give.
Life is ours to share with others.
We are bound with all who live.

#3 MV 127 “I Saw the Rich Ones” (Work for a World)

1. I saw the rich ones I saw what they gave
the widow who offered two pennies she’s saved
and I saw she was smiling I knew she was glad
and I wondered because she gave all that she had.

Refrain:

*But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found.
Let’s work for a world where all people are free
where it’s good to feel good
about God loving you and me.*

2. I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said
but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread
and I knew something special
had happened that day
when Zacheus gave half of his riches away. **Refrain.**
3. The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day
I knew they weren’t happy
with what they’d been paid
for the ones who came later
were paid just the same as the workers
who greeted the dawn when they came. **Refrain.**