

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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Sixteenth after Pentecost -- September 28, 2025

Creation 4 – Sunday

Remembering Orange Shirt Day!

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

We light this candle as a reminder
Christ is with us on our good days,
and on our bad days.

With Christ, we seek to ever be more aligned with God's will.

(The Christ candle is lit)

2.

Call to Worship:

One: Come, there is room at God's table for all

Many: Come, there is room in God's house for all

One: Come, let us worship God in our diversity

All: Come, let us worship God in our unity

One: Come, for God calls us

All: All are welcome.

Invocation (together)

Today we wear orange

to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools.

Today we wear orange and we pray

for the residential school and intergenerational survivors who are still struggling.

Today we wear orange and we are thankful

for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice.

Today we wear orange in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

Help us, God, to remember and act on this every day. Amen. (+1)

**** Opening Hymn:**

MV 1

"Let Us Build A House"

Learning Time for All Ages;

The 100 Tables Project



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.***

3.

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (VU 807) *(God will raise you up on eagles' wings)*

Luke 16:19-31 *(The rich man and Lazarus)*

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

And may they awaken in our hearts.

Sermon: ***"Reconciliation and Atonement."***

***Learning Hymn**

VU 147

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters.

"KEEPING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ALIVE."

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Your Generosity Matters - Donations you have made to Mission and Service, and to this church, have made today possible. It allowed us to invest in local, and indigenous business. It gives us places where we can gather, talk, wonder, listen, reflect, and pray. Your generosity helps affirm to the world that every child matters, and no child is ever forgotten. Thank you. **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)*

Bless the hands that volunteer, dear God. Bless the eyes that witness to truth. Bless the hearts that weep with those who weep. Bless the givers of resources to benefit the whole. Bless the story-tellers who share truth. Bless the peace-makers and peace-dreamers. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Gentle Christ, we are grateful that you came to us as a child, who grew out of a community that nurtured, supported, and taught you the way of your ancestors.

4.

You have asked us to do the same:

to treat every child as we would treat you,

to love every person as you have loved us.

We are grateful that

your power is rooted in love, not force;

your strength is displayed through community, not might.

You have taught us to work toward a better world where all of creation thrives, and where every child matters.

On this Orange Shirt Day,

we remember Phyllis Webstad as a child,

and the stolen childhood of all the children forcibly raised by church-run institutions, known as residential schools.

We lament how these institutions - stole from children the opportunity to grow in a safe and loving environment,

stole from Elders the opportunity to share their teachings and wisdom with younger - generations; and stole from communities the opportunity to live intergenerationally.

We mourn the children who never made it home,

the communities that were destroyed,

the broken hearts,

the stories never shared, and

the shattered relationships.

We ask that you provide

comfort to all who are seeking healing and who daily wrestle with the ongoing harmful legacy of

these colonial institutions,

strength to all who name how colonial powers have harmed us as peoples and as a nation;

often at great personal cost, and

courage to all who are working toward reconciliation.

Christ Child, As you grew, you reminded us to always welcome and care for children.

We remember your children today.

We lament and acknowledge the sinful ways that colonial powers tried to eradicate Indigenous cultures within Canada,

breaking Indigenous families, removing children from their homes while destroying communities.

5.

And we pray for healing, so that we who live together in this country can also work together to build a better future where all children are cherished, beloved, and given what they need to thrive. So that we may treat all children as we would treat you, our Beloved. May it be so. (+2)

In the Holy Child's name we pray as he grew up to teach us saying. **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:

VU 364

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

Let us go now to our front yard. Let us as a congregation ask God's blessing on one of the 100 tables that are across Canada. Let us carry the light of Christ with us everywhere we go.

- 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!

Sourced Resources: used with permission.

(+1) - *United Church of Canada A Prayer for Orange Shirt Day*

(+2) - *The United Church of Canada, And A Child Will Lead Us*

Welcome to Worship

With

Little Current Pastoral Charge



Orange Shirt Day

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Hymns for September 28, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 MV 1 “Let Us Build A House”

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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#2 VU 147 What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.
4. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and through eternity I’ll sing on.

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#3 VU 364 “Forgive our Sins as We Forgive”

1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
you taught us, Christ, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs, and will not let
cold bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
4. O cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

