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

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost– September 6, 2026

10:00 am Little Current United Church

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:

This is an Ecumenical service from SeasonofCreation.org

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

We hold our service today as part of the ecumenical Season of Creation, a season of prayer and action for our common home that takes place every year from September 1 to October 4. The theme for the Season of Creation this year is “Living Water,” which is taken from Ezekiel 47:9 and 12. So we light this candle as a reminder Jesus is our guiding light through this season of celebration and lament. (+1)

- Light the Christ Candle.

Call To Worship:

Leader: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. And God called them good.

All: Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

Leader: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple, and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

All: Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

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Leader: Jesus cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me... Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

All: Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

Invocation (unison)

Come Holy Spirit, come, rain your love upon your people.

Amen!

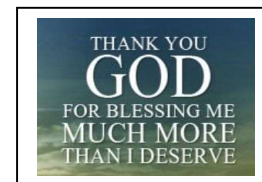
Opening Hymn:

MV 87

Water Flowing from the Mountains (Living Water)

Learning Time for All Ages:-

Thanksgiving for the Waters



Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy, the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast and the sea. We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops, and for the living water that quenches them. (+2)

We praise you for giving us life through water, and for all waters everywhere. We especially praise you for the waters who sustain us in this part of our common home.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave your people water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. You shower us again with the water of life.

You bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. You satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give. (+3)

But we lament that we have neglected this gift, and taken the waters for granted. So we gather to lament today too. **Amen.**

Lament

Lamenting is a passionate expression of sorrow or grief; a song,

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hymn or poem of mourning to express sorrow, mourning, or regret aloud; to regret strongly. Often sins are confessed in the plural, as a sign that, even if we personally have not committed each sin, our souls are bound up one with the other. The response in this is, ‘**ashamnu**’ which means in Hebrew ‘we have all been guilty’

Leader:

We look upon your waters, O God, and we grieve: Rivers run polluted. Oceans choke with plastic. Marine life disappears from warming seas. Coral reefs fade and fisheries collapse.

All: ‘Ashamnu’ (we have all been guilty)

Leader:

The seas rise and swallow coasts. Storms grow stronger. Floods destroy homes. Drought cracks the Earth and children thirst.

All: ‘Ashamnu’ (we have all been guilty)

We confess that we have not guarded your waters.

We have consumed water without restraint.

We have polluted what you called good.

We have forgotten that the river of life flows from your throne.

All: Forgive us, O God.

HYMN OF LAMENT MV 144 “Like a Healing Stream ”

Absolution

God’s mercy flows like living water. The love of God, incarnate in Jesus who spoke to troubled waters, forgives us and calms our hearts so that justice may flow to all the dry places in our lives. In the name of Christ, may this grace free us to follow and proclaim the good news of the healing of all creation. **All: Amen.**

Listening

Scripture Reading. (Ezekiel 47:9,12)

“Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will

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bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

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

And may they awaken in our hearts

Sermon: “The Tears of Creation - Climate Grief”

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

“Leaders in the Making”

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)

One: Creator God, you know that our gifts make a difference. Through these gifts, our faith community will be inspired to act so that....

All: there is blue sky where now skies are polluted grey and people suffer; there is water running pure and clear in communities without safe drinking water; and there are orchards and fields not threatened by bricks and tarmac.

One: Good words! Now, God, help us turn them into reality.

All: We are determined to do just that, with your help, O God.

We thank you, Creator God, and ask that you bless these gifts.

Amen. (+4)

Prayers of the People:

God of the waters, God of baptisms, God of living waters, God of still waters, God of rivers and oceans, lakes and streams - we come to you today seeking comfort and hope.

Comfort us. We fear what we have done collectively as humanity.

We grieve. We lament.

Comfort us. We offer these personal prayers we need comfort in (...)

Draw our attention to hope. Remind us of all the people working together to live into the reality we are all one - we are one with the lands and air, the waters and creatures, and with each other. We are all related. Give us the hope to join the labour of love and life.

Draw our attention to hope. Personal hope in our own lives (...)

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus, and pray as he taught us saying.. **“Our Creator/Father/Mother 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: Where the Green will Rise Again TLUS 157

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:

Have you found living waters? Have you found a place to set your grief and take up hope? Go out now and share this news with everyone!

Spread the love of creation and the care for water

- go and share the love of God! ***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.

Resources Sourced:

(+1) - Ecumenical service from SeasonofCreation.org

(+2) - (Adapted from Anglican Aotearoa NZ Prayer Book)

(+3) - (Adapted from All Creation Sings, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

(+4) - David Sparks, Rossland, B.C. Gathering 2026

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Welcome

To Worship

For the water that gushes through
rivers and streams.



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“Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

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Creation 1

Hymns – Sept. 6, 2026 for Little Current United Church

**#1 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.**

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#2 MV 144 "Like a Healing Stream "

1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth... like a healing stream.
2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need.... Like a gentle rain.
3. Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war... like a river strong.

4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

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#3. 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.

