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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost– October 11, 2026
10:00 am – Thanksgiving Sunday

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

As the days get shorter, Christ's warm light is steady. As we celebrate the harvest, we celebrate Jesus is with us in the sowing and the reaping. We light this candle symbolizing the beginning of our intentional time gathered in Christ's name. -***Light the Candle.***

Call To Worship:

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
All: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.
One: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.
All: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.
One: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.
All: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives. ***(+1)***

Invocation (unison)

Our God, we come in thanksgiving, for you have made us your people, giving us exciting news to tell. We come, some of us, in pain and struggle and ask to receive your gift of life anew. We come, each of us strange and unique, each of us specially talented and challenged. Bless us with your presence, for we know how you change each life you touch. In Jesus' name, we come. Amen. (+2)

Opening Hymn: VU 517

"Praise God for the Harvest"

Learning Time for All Ages:-

Bringing In The Gifts



The Gift of Time: Take our time, that we may spend it wisely labouring and resting with you.
The Gift of Talent: Take our talent, that we may use it to skillfully serve others in your name.
The Gift of Treasure: Take our treasure, that it may be invested and spent furthering the equality of the kin-dom of God.
The Gift of Technology: Take our technology, that it be used responsibly to bring about goodness for human, animal, and plant lives alike.
The Gift of Terra: Take our terra, as it is not our own and we are stewards of your land. We want to walk gently in your garden.
The Gift of Thanksgiving: Take our thanksgiving and hear our praise today for all you do in our lives, dear God. Let all these gifts be accepted and blessed so they, and we, can be blessings to all! Amen.

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.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Matthew 22:1-14

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

Sermon: **"Sow broadly!"**

Communion Hymn: *"One Bread, One Body"* **VU 467**

HOLY COMMUNION: see screens or insert/handout.



M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

Thank you from - Pasture Valley Children's Home

Thank you for supporting Pasture Valley Childrens' Home. You helped raise $310 CAD. Gail and Mike Messick write, "please sincerely thank the congregation. This money has already been transmitted to Pasture Valley, where we use "emalengeni" which is par with the South African rand..... $310CAD translates to about 3,630 emalengeni, which will feed about 15 children for a MONTH! In many ways money goes far in Eswatini.....but the needs are always present (food, clothing, school, utilities) and since Pasture Valley is private, the kind donation from your congregation is very well received, and well managed, and gratefully accepted. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN ! " If you would like to know more about the Eswatini orphanage, please visit https://www.infaithwegrow.com/ for a documentary; or visit https://pasturevalley.com/

M4M – Weekly Reading.

The House of Friendship
– Saint Lukes United Church in Toronto

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:
As an act of thanksgiving, we respond to God's in offerings of life and love.

(The offerings are brought forward)

*****Offertory Hymn:*** ***VU (227) For the Fruits... Vs 1 & 2.***

1.For the fruit of al creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

Prayer of Commitment ***(unison)***
Thank you, thank you, thank you God!
For more than we can ever express - thank you.
Amen.

Going Forth Into The World

Closing Hymn: *"We Plow the Fields"* ***VU 520***

Benediction & Carrying Out the Light:
The Lord of the Harvest sends you out to share a harvest of love and mercy. The Lord of Autumn blesses you as you go with brilliant colours and brilliant stars.
Creator invites you to co-create, and co-celebrate, this marvelous world.
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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(+2) - Terry Shillington, The Pas, Man. Getting It All Together Summer-Autumn 1978
(+3) – COMMUNION - Revised from Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont. 2024
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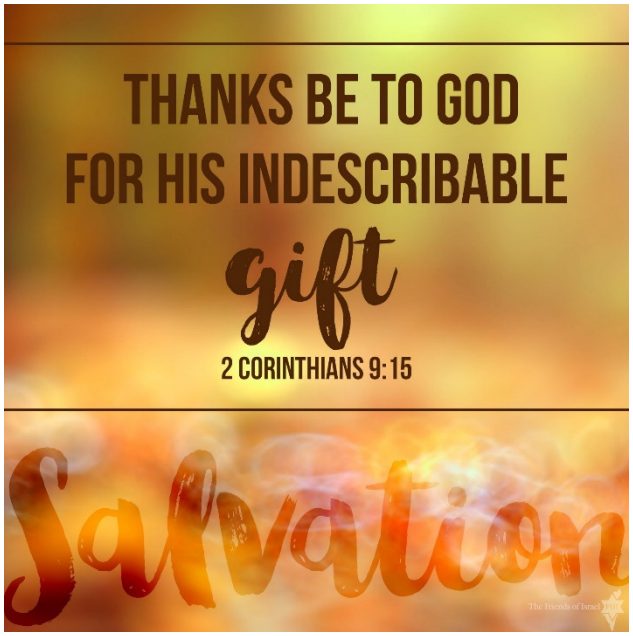




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Welcome

To Worship



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"Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost"
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Hymns – Oct 11, 2026 for Little Current United Church

#1 VU 517 "*Praise God for the Harvest*"

1.Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.

2.Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

3.Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
then sifted, and smelted, and shaped, and refined;
for oil and for iron for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

4.Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover create, and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

5.Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

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#2 VU 467 "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain:
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1.Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. ***Refrain.***

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. ***Refrain.***

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. ***Refrain.***

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#3. VU 520 "We Plough the Fields "

1.We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter, and warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

2.You only are the maker of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread. ***Refrain***.

3.We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts.
Refrain.