

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

Fifth after Pentecost -- July 13, 2025

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book at the back of the church.

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 gather this morning on land in Little Current.

We are gathered on Treaty 94, the Manitoulin Island Treaty. And digitally Treaty 45, the Manitowaning Treaty. And Treaty 61 – The Robinson-Huron Treaty.

These lands are the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people: the Ojibwe, Odawa and the Pottawatomi. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land.

Their care of the water, earth, fire and wind that is centre to their lives and spirituality. With the Mnidoo Mnising* (*Manitoulin Island)

Peoples, and their neighbors, let us live in respect
and gratitude for all creation.

Lighting of the Christ Candle (light the candle first)
(The Christ candle is lit)

Oh what a lovely light!

It is the light of the Christ in our midst!

Filled with this light,

Jesus bids us shine our own lovely light.

May it be so for each of us. Amen (+1)

History 100 Years of United Church History (new history)



2.

Call to Worship

All God's children are welcome and wanted here, no matter your need. God will give you rest from your weariness, comfort from your pain, balm for your soul, food for your mind, and hope for your tomorrow. God's ability to tend and nurture, calm and inspire, know no bounds and never ends. **Let us open our hearts and minds to God's loving-kindness and welcome. Let us be God's loving-kindness and welcome for each other as we worship together.** (+2)

Invocation

Gracious One, we enter into your holy presence, giving thanks and praising you. We come seeking transformation and renewal. Without you, we are not whole; we lack completeness. Touch us in this time of worship, O God, that we may become your new creation, rooted in Christ and open to the Spirit. Amen. (+3)

**** Opening Hymn: 'O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts' VU 472**

Learning Together:

Bearing Fruit, Holding Fruit, Being Fruit?

Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION VU 498 vs 1

***God who has caused to be written your word
for our learning,
grant us that, hearing, our hearts may be
inwardly burning.
Give us to grace,
that your Son we can embrace
life, all its glory discerning.***

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Colossians 1: 1-14 *(The Word of God is bearing fruit in you.)*

Luke 10: 25-37 *(The parable of the Good Samaritan.)*

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

And may they awaken in our hearts.

3.

Reflection: “The Good Samaritan – A Parable”

***Learning Hymn:** VU 506

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters.

Words that Carry the Spirit – The Mohawk Bible

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

We are invited to offer ourselves in service to others.

And now we are invited to share our gifts for the work of Christ’s church — In our own community and throughout the whole world with M & S of the United Church. Let us share our gifts with thankful hearts and sincere living in Christ’s way. (+4)

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:** (VU 540)

*Grant us God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

Commitment Prayer (unison)

God of grace and compassion,
may our gifts enable your church to be a place
where strangers become friends, outcasts are welcomed,
seekers receive, and doubters find faith.

In Jesus’ name. Amen. (+5)

Prayers of the People:

We give you thanks, O God, for the many mercies of each day,
for the kind word given freely, for the smile offered sincerely,
for the simple moments when someone loves a neighbour.

(Response)

*Jesus, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbours you have given to us.*

4.

We remember and pray for people who care for others,
all of those whose compassionate attention to detail
enhances another’s life. ***(Response)***

In a new understanding of being a neighbour,
we give thanks for what we receive freely from others
who choose to be a neighbour to us,
despite differences that may stand between us.

We pray for a greater understanding and awareness
that everyone is our neighbour. ***(Response)***

We give thanks for every opportunity to be a neighbour to others.

We pray for justice for those who are mistreated by others.

(Response)

In the many roads we’ve yet to walk, the journeys still to undertake,
may we find our neighbour at every turn,
and accept the ongoing surprise of your gospel,
in the neighbourhood of your reign. ***(Response)***

Amen. (+5)

And now, let us say together the prayer taught to us by Jesus...

**Our 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn:

“Be Thou My Vision”

VU 642

Commissioning & Carrying out the Light of Christ

Go from this gathering to meet your neighbour
with open hands and an open heart, giving and receiving
the goodness of God’s love!

**We go to love God, and to love our neighbours
as we love ourselves. Amen.** (+5)

- Light is extinguished.

5.

Choral Benediction: VU 649 (Refrain only 3X)

Walk with me, I will walk with you

And build the land that God has planned

Where love shines through.

Go now in the peace of Christ!

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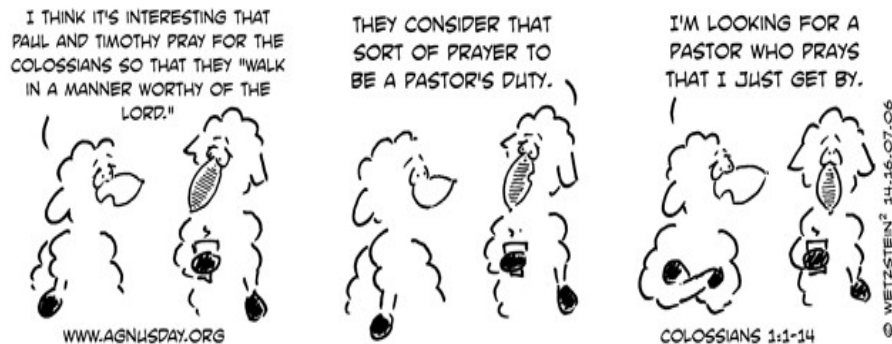
(+1) – Jani Francis, St. Andrew's UC, Indian Head, Sask. *Gathering Pent 1, 2020*

(+2) – Allison Abbott-Wiebe, St. Paul's UC. Graysville, Man, *Gathering Pent. 1, 2020*

(+3) – Cindy Randall, Humbervale U.C., Etobicoke, ON. *Gathering Pent 1, 2014*

(+4) – Bill Steadman, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, Ont. *Gathering Pent 1 2019*

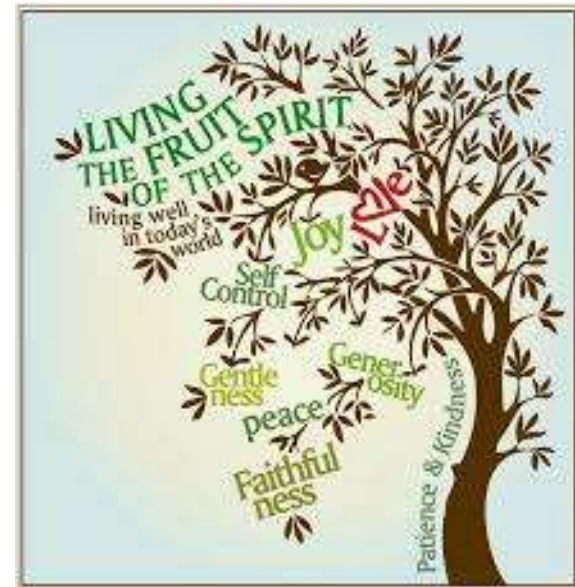
(+5) – Seasons of the Spirit, Season Fusion, Pent 1 2019



Welcome to Worship

With

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Hymns for July 13, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1. VU 472 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all
from every bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you plead with all to call on you,
to those who seek you, you are good,
to those who find you, life is new.
3. We taste your ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead,
our thirsting souls from you we fill.
4. O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the bleak night of sin away;
shed o'er the world your holy light.

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#2. VU 506 Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

4. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5. Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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#3 Be Thou My Vision VU 642

1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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back into the busy world to love and serve our neighbours*