

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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**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost -- July 20, 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**

We light a candle – to shine a light that also lives within us,  
a light that calls us to share the love of Christ in every corner  
of the world. **We give thanks for the meaning and purpose  
Jesus offers to our living, calling us to bring healing, hope,  
justice and reconciliation to others.** (+1)

**(The Christ candle is lit)**

**History** 100 Years of United Church History (new history)



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**Call to Worship**

Come gather in this sanctuary of worship.

**We come to have the Spirit unify and strengthen our faith.**

Come and sing and share in worship.

**We come to worship God, who gifted with melody and senses.**

Come this day, which God has made, to worship and be renewed.

**We come grateful for each day God has made, because in each  
of these days, we can worship and be renewed.** (+2)

**Invocation**

O wondrous, listening God, you are the mysterious and holy  
one whom we call by many names and by no name. Gathered  
as we are in this sacred dwelling place, help us in the few  
moments that lie before us to receive what you want us to  
receive, to be what you want us to be, to share what you want  
us to share, and to sing what you want us to sing. Amen. (+3)

**\*\* Opening Hymn: 'This is the Day' VU 412**

**Learning Together:**

**M & M's - We are all different?**

**Listening**

**HYMN OF ILLUMINATION MV 97**

***One: Listen***

***All: Listen, God is calling,***

***Through the Word inviting,***

***Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. Listen***

**HOLY SCRIPTURES**

**Colossians 1: 15-28 (Paul, the servant of the Gospel.)**

**Luke 10: 38-42 (Jesus visits Mary and Martha)**

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

**And may they awaken in our hearts.**

**Reflection:**

**Mary & Martha - Hospitality  
"The Morning After" Skit - (Diana & Helen)**

**\*Learning Hymn:**

**"O Beautiful Gaia" MV 41**

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**Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters.**

**Sacred Care for Those Who Carry the Weight**

**Responding to the Word**

**Invitation to Commitment:**

A Beloved song by Leonard Cohen reminds us that there is no perfect offering, that everything has a crack that allows the light to enter. We gather and bring our offerings. Even though our gifts may seem paltry, each one does represent work and struggles and possibilities. We pray that in their imperfections they may still offer significant hope and light that shines through the worlds cracks, and shines through us in our act of sharing. We give our offering. (+4)

*(The offerings will now be brought forward)*

**\*\*Offertory Hymn:** (MV 191)

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

**Commitment Prayer** (unison)

**We are blessed with abundance; we have more than enough to sustain us; we are enriched by your presence, Gracious God. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. We take this opportunity to declare,-Thank you with our offering. Amen.**(+5)

**Prayers of the People:**

God of all creation, we give you thanks for this world that we call home. A world of summer breezes, gentle rains, loud cracks of thunder, and a bounty of goodness: fresh, red, juicy strawberries, crisp green lettuce, fresh picked peas from the garden, farmer's markets filled with produce.

God of Sabbath rest, we give thanks for your reminders to "stop and smell the roses," both literally and figuratively. Help us to take the time and space we need for rest. We are so blessed to experience birdsong outside our windows, to witness the beauty

of a summer sunset, and to notice the shining stars on a clear night sky.\* Remind us again and again to appreciate what we have. Saviour God, we worry about so many things, often unnecessary things. **Remind us what really matters: relationships, caring for others, loving your beautiful world, seeking justice, and putting your realm first.**

God of all life, your world is a busy place, filled with both beauty and horror. We pray for those places where war has overtaken everyday lives, where so many have been forced to leave behind their homes and loved ones for an unknown future. May we play some part in restoring peace and justice. We pray for leaders around the world to act with compassion and for positive, life-giving change.

We bring our prayers closer to our own circles as we pray for those close to us who are hurting and in need of your grace. We pray for all who are ill at home, in hospital, or in care facilities, and for all who struggle to find meaning and purpose in life. We pray for all who are awaiting test results, a diagnosis, or a long-needed surgery and for all who work in our health care systems, dedicated to providing the necessary care. We pray for caregivers who so often are overworked and struggling to offer the care that is needed. We pray for all who are in prison, where every day is the same. We pray for all who grieve today: for the loss of a relationship, for the loss of meaningful work, for the loss of mobility and strength, for the loss of a friend or a family member, for any of the losses that come to our lives.

May the winds of the Holy Spirit move within each one of us. Then, through us, may the Spirit's love and strength be felt by all and shared by all.

This we ask in the name of the resurrected Christ, your son, who knows what it is to live a fully human life. We bring all of our prayers together as we share together the words Jesus taught us, because you are our mother, and (+6) ....

**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,**

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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: *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* VU 227

### Commissioning & Carrying out the Light of Christ

May your intentions reach out in love and tenderness. May your actions declare comfort and delight. May your spirits move with inquisitiveness and wonder. May your hearts be filled with holy love, and may God embrace you with divine grace May that be so! Amen.

(+7) *- Light is extinguished.*

Choral Benediction: *GO NOW IN PEACE, NEVER BE AFRAID.*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

**Go now in the peace of Christ!**

#### Resources Sourced:

- (+1) – Bob Root, - Peterborough, ON . *Gathering Pent 1, 2025 pg.35*
- (+2) – Leigh Sinclair, St David's UC., Beaumont/Leduc, AB, *Gathering Pent. 1, 2025 pg.36*
- (+3) – Wayne Hilliker, Chambers UC, Kingston ON. - *Gathering Pent 1, 2025, pg. 40*
- (+4) – David Lander st Castleton-GraftonPC, Grafton, ON. *Gathering Pent 1 2025, pg.46*
- (+5) – Fern Gibbard, Penticton BC - *Gathering, Pent 1 2025, pg. 47*
- (+6) – Mary Parsons, Munn's UC Oakville, ON – *Gathering, Pent 1 2025 – pg. 66*
- (+7) – Laura Turnbull, Penticton BC – *Gathering, Pent 1 2025 – pg.49*



## Welcome to Worship

With

## Little Current Pastoral Charge



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

## Hymns for July 20, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

### #1. VU 412 This is the Day

1. This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is a day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.
2. Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.
3. You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name.

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### #2. MV 41 "O, Beautiful Gaia"

**Refrain: O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home  
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.**

1. Soil yielding its harvest,  
O Gaia, calling us home.  
Soil yielding its harvest,  
calling us on. **Refrain.**

2. Waves crashing on granite,  
O Gaia, calling us home.  
Waves crashing on granite,  
calling us on. **Refrain.**

3. Pine bending in windstorm,  
O Gaia, calling us home.  
Pine bending in windstorm,  
calling us on. **Refrain.**

4. Loon nesting in marshland,  
O Gaia, calling us home.  
Loon nesting in marshland,  
calling us on. **Refrain.**

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### #3 VU 227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

1. For the fruit of all 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.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.



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