

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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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost -- July 27, 2025**

**Joint Service & Amalgamation Voting with Sheguiandah UC**

**10:00 am at Little Current United Church**

**WELCOME:** a special welcome to guests worshiping with us today. Please sign the guest book at the back of 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 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 Pottowatomi. 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 give you thanks O God, for this day that brings us many thoughts of our congregations. And we ask that as we are one together, in this circle of light, that Jesus opens and shines in our hearts. May we always be one with you in the circle of your loving presence. Amen. (The Christ candle is lit)

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

This morning we are going to be making more history for our Pastoral Charge. New History for us. And for our moving forward.....



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**Call to Worship**

We have told stories of faith in Jesus Christ: of love and service with all the saints. We give thanks and rejoice as co-workers and companions: of sharing ministry, challenge, struggle and blessing. We pray that the eyes of our hearts be opened to a future of wisdom and grace; may we come to know more fully the God of Christ Jesus, and recognize the hope to which we have been called: Resurrection power at work in the world, making all things new! (+1)

**Invocation** (together)

Gracious God, who calls us all to be the church in this place and time, we join together to celebrate your presence among us. In this time of worship, as we sing, pray and listen, may you awaken in us hope for the future. May our time together remind us why the church is needed in the world. Amen. (+2)

**\*\* Opening Hymn: 'Come In, Come In and Sit Down' VU 395**

**Learning Together:**

**Caring for Creation**

**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**

**Luke 11: 1-13 (Jesus teaches the disciples to pray)**

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

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

**Reflection:** On Prayer.....

**\*Learning Hymn:**

**“ We Are One “**

**VU 402**

3.

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

**Your gifts support people building a better future  
for themselves and their families.**

**Responding to the Word**

**Invitation to Offering:**

The ministries of this pastoral charge and of the United Church of Canada would not be possible without your financial support. May we give not out of obligation, but give in hope for all your guidance of these gifts can do.

*(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.**

**Offering Prayer** (unison)

**Gift giving God, for many years we have gathered to share what we are and have. Help us to continue sharing our time, talent, and treasure. May the gifts we give be gifts of Love. May they increase your power of Love in the world. Amen**

**Prayers of the People:**

God of our past, we gather today to give thanks for the past. We think back to those who first had vision of the church here in Little Current and in Sheguiandah, and each point of the Pastoral Charge. We think of those who gave of their labour, their treasure, their time to make it happen.

And as we remember the efforts of the founders and builders, we offer words of thanks and praise. God of growth, we remember too those who helped the churches to grow in wisdom and in faith. And for all these varied forms of leadership over the years, past and present we are grateful.

God of community, we remember events that brought us together; Strawberry Socials, Turkey Dinners, Fish Fry's, Ham Suppers, Fall

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Suppers, Santa's Breakfasts, Bazaars, BBQs, potlucks, picnics and many more. And for the gifts of friendship and fellowship we have shared, we say thanks.

God of our present, on this day we remember all that led our congregations to this day. Ministry to and with each others communities, of growing together in love, for all that has made us what we are now, we give you thanks, we give you praise.

God of our present and our future, as we gather here today we live in your hope. The future is before us, and we wonder what it will bring. Fill us with a vision for all we can be. Help us find the choices that lead to life in abundance.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as people, not only of faith, but of hope. May we all share your hope and promise with the world in which we live. (+2)

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,

**The Lord's Prayer (Sung) VU 960**

**Our 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**

**Closing Hymn:** "My Soul Cries Out" MV120

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**Commissioning, Benediction**  
**& Carrying out the Light of Christ**

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

*- 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) – revised - *All Things New: Worship Res. of the 50th Anniversary Year of UCChrist 2007.*

(+2) – revised - Rev. Gord Waldie, <https://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/10>

**THIS SERVICE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY**

**1. CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS OF THE LITTLE CURRENT UC**

**2. AND THE SHEGUIANDAH UNITED CHURCH**

**TO VOTE ON ONE ITEM ONLY – AMALGAMATING**

**THEN WE WILL PROCEED INTO THE HALL FOR A POT LUCK LUNCH.**

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

**Welcome to Worship**

**With**

**Little Current Pastoral Charge**



Little Current UC



Sheguiandah UC

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Joint Service with Sheguiandah UC**

**&**

**Amalgamation Voting**

**July 27, 2025**

## Hymns for July 27, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

### #1. VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

*Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.*

1. You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. **R.**
2. God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family. **R.**
3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family. **R.**
4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family. **R**

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### #2. VU 402 "We Are One"

1. We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.
2. We are on as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.
3. We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

4. We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive there's a sense that God's light.  
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

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### #3 MV 120 "My Voice Cries Out" Canticle of Turning

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings  
of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west  
shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

#### Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.*

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me, and your mercy will last  
from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your  
might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

#### Refrain

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware  
for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread,  
ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

#### Refrain.

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must  
deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound, 'til the spear and rod can  
be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **Refrain**