#### **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

Fourth after Pentecost -- July 6, 2025 10:00 am at Little Current United Church

<u>WELCOME</u>: a special welcome to guests worshiping 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 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 the Christ Candle:**

We light this candle symbolizing the presence of Christ's Spirit in our midst, as we recall the words of Jesus:

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them". (+1)

- The Christ candle is lit.

History 100 Years of United Church History



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#### **Call to Worship**

Welcome to this service in the start of summer warmth and colour.

We have come, excited to receive God's word in scripture.

We are here to praise our Creator and give our thanks.

We have come to raise our spirits to the heavens in song.

We are here to offer prayers for a better world.

We gather here as one community to worship together and to be reminded to love one another.

We have come as one family of God eager to be attentive to the ways of holy goodness and loving kindness.

Come, let us worship God. (+2)

#### Invocation

God of the raindrops and stormy clouds, we gather under the umbrella of your Spirit, willing and ready to soak in the love and wisdom of scripture you have provided. Be with us in this time of worship as we immerse ourselves in the words of scripture and the reflection, songs, and prayers. We welcome the showers of love you share with all. Amen. (+3)

\*\* Opening Hymn: 'Open My Eyes, That I May See' VU 371
Learning Together:

Sowing Seeds! <u>Listening</u>

#### **HYMN OF ILLUMINATION**

MV 97

One: Listen

Listen, God is calling, Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

#### **HOLY SCRIPTURES**

Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16 (You reap what you sow; sow in the Spirit) Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (The mission of the 70 who carried nothing.)

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

And may they awaken in our hearts.

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Reflection: "70 Are Sent – Are you one?"

\*Learning Hymn:

**VU 120** 

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#### **Minute for Right Relations**

100 Years of Spirit and Song Your support helps carry this legacy forward

#### Responding to the Word

#### **Invitation to Commitment:**

Our gifts and tithes are gladly received. We pledge them to the furthering of God's purpose and the support of this church: a ministry of welcome, education, justice, and care for all. To the glory of God, your offerings are joyfully received. (+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)

Welcoming God, you invite us to share. We give with tender hearts, aware of the need around us. We share these offerings so that your good news might be experienced. Fill us with generous spirits. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People:**

Loving and Caring Lord, we may try and brush away the thoughts that we heard in scripture today. It might be hard to live with the Holy Spirit urging us on to God's will.

Sometimes your plan is hard Lord, sometimes we try our best to side step your plan. But we know we cannot run from you. You are our God, and we are your people.

Your plan is always with our best interests in mind. When we hold that thought close, knowing you only want us to love you and others, we are led to a closer relationship with you.

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At the cross Jesus gave his all for us, and we can continue that gracious and unselfish act by giving to those whom we come in contact with. Our congregation, our families, our friends.

Keep us strong Lord, we ask. We offer ourselves to you Lord. We know there are hurting people among us, in our community, and we hold them to you. Where we have walked away, help us stay and learn those things we find hard to face. Thank you Lord for giving us opportunities.

In caring, we bring those before you, Lord, who live with ongoing illnesses, those who live in poverty, may we be a people who would help them. Those who walk in grief from loss of loved ones, or loss of job, Lord, have mercy. We pray for the leaders of the world, and leaders in our own country. That they may be led by your will, and your Word. May they be accepting.

We bring to you those we name on the prayer list,.....

and those in our hearts .....

- personal prayers -

together we pray the prayer Jesus gave us: ......

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:

**MV 161** 

"I Have Called You By Your Name"

#### **Commissioning & Carrying out the Light of Christ**

God's great love lead you.

Christ's great compassion compel you.

The Spirit's song uplift you,

this day and forevermore.

Amen. (+5)

- Light is extinguished.

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#### 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.

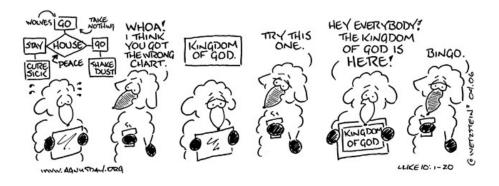
God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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

#### **Resources Sourced:**

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- (+3) Darrell Teine, Westminster UC, Regina, Sask Gathering Pent 1, 2025 pg. 40
- (+4) Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Zion Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota Gathering -Pent 1
- (+5) Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Zion Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota Gathering -Pent 1





# Welcome to Worship With

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## Fourth after Pentecost July 6, 2025

### Hymns for July 6, 2025 – Little Current UCPC #1. VU 371 Open My Eyes That I May See

- 1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2. Open my ears, that I may hear voice of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

  Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God thy will to see.

  Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

  Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God they will to see.

  Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

#### #2. VU 120 O Jesus, I Have Promised

- 1.O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend: I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2. O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

- 3. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmur of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
- **4.** O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end, O give me grace to follow, my Savour and my friend.

#### #3 I Have Called You By Your Name MV 161

- I have called you by your name, you are mine;
   I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
   I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
   You are gifted, called, and chosen;
   you are mine.
- 2. I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow. Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.
- 3. I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow. Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
- 4. I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

