

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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Messy Church - June 29, 2025

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 church.

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

We Approach God

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

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

Weabijong. 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 the peoples who call this place home.

We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ guides us through the ages.

This candle reminds us of this truth.

- Light the candle

Call to Worship

One: Come! Let us be the body of Christ

All: Let us love one another

One: Come! Let us make a memorial for the future to know how we have encountered God

All: Let us be gather in worship, in prayer, in service, in song.

One: Let us gather in love.

All: Amen!

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Invocation

Holy God, throughout the ages people have left records of how they have encountered you. Today we hope to do the same. Infuse our worship, and our creations, with the experience of you. We hope to share your good news. Amen.

Learning for All Ages

- What is Messy Church?

Scriptural Basis of the Day

- Genesis 9:13-16 God places a rainbow in the sky to remember the mercy covenant between God and all the earth

- Genesis 28:10-22 Jacob sets up a pillar to remember the vision of his dream of the ladder to heaven, so all could remember this powerful encounter of God.

- Joshua 4:1-8 The 12 tribes take 12 stones of the Jordan River and make a cairn to remember the miracle of crossing over it.

- Luke 22:19-20; Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Jesus asks us to remember him every time we eat and drink

Plan for the day:

- Socialize

- Everyone craft 1 scrapbook page. Any design you want! There are photos, newspapers, and more. Starter pages are available, and blank pages too.

- Please be sure to add names of people in photos! Even if everyone knows who they are. People won't know in 100 years.

- 15 to the hour, we'll regather

Regather:

Your Generosity Matters

Invitation to Commitment

We have been entrusted and given so much! Let us entrust and give to others too. In the name of our God, all that is shared is multiplied.

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Commitment Prayer

Sing without music "Old 100"

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise God all creatures high and low

Praise God all ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

- Amen -

Prayers of the People

Holy, Holy, Holy One, Mother and Father of us all

All the Earth sings of your glory

O Creator, Most High

Heaven and Earth sing of your love

O God, Our God

We give thanks today for this gathering.

For the joy we share

For the love we know

For the wonder of over 100 years of being here,

And the hope of over 100 more to go.

We give thanks for over 2000 years of Christ's abiding presence

And for hundreds of thousands of years of your presence with humanity.

We give thanks for the millions of years of life you've created

And the billions of years of the cosmos you spoke into being.

Thank you, God.

We are so glad to be part of this story.

We come to you today as one people, but with many emotions

We come - aware of Canada Day. We pray Canada lives into its ideals every day of being an intercultural, multi-faith country that cares for the environment.

We come - aware 10 years have passed since the Truth and Reconciliation Report was released and a decade later, we have so much left to address, and change. God, help us be that intercultural and multi-faith country we strive to be, and remind us that

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reconciliation means not repeating the environmental and social harms yet again, such as is threatened in the Bill 5 Ring of Fire. For the sake of the village, for Canada, inspire our souls to resonate with other souls and seek mutually beneficial ways forward.

We come - aware of Iran, Iraq, Israel and Palestine all suffering under bombs. We pray for de-escalation, for peace. We pray for all the people who just want their kids safe, food on the table, a roof over their heads, and clean water. We pray for all life, everywhere - let there be shalom. Let there be wholeness. Let there be thriving harmony.

We come - aware of people and situations that need your special attention and we lift their names in our hearts or on our breath now --

-- Personal Prayer --

We come to you in prayer because you are our God, our Love, our One. And you abide with us, aide us, and love us throughout all times.

In Jesus' name we pray the prayer he taught us, a Celtic version translated by John Phillip Nowell

Holy One beyond all names

Eternal Wellspring

May love rise again in us today

With food for every table

Shelter for every family

And reverence for every life.

Forgive us our failings in love

And free us from all falseness

That the light of our souls may shine

And the strength of our spirits endure

For Earth and all its people

This day, tonight, and forever.

Amen

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Carrying Out The Light of Christ

Go from here knowing Love surrounds you. Your past, your present, your future are in God's tender hands. And God is working with you for peace, and love, joy, and patience, forgiveness and reconciliation, truth telling and justice seeking. Go with God's blessing.

Benediction Song without music

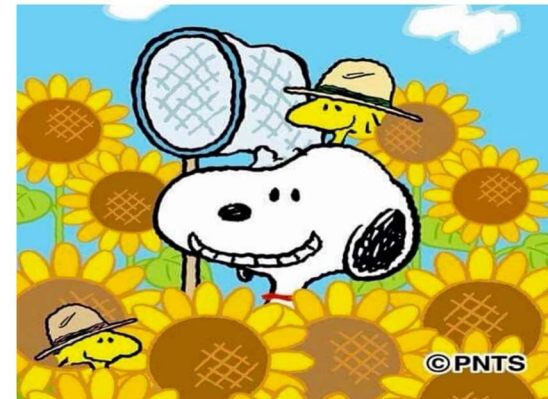
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart!
Where?
Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart to stay
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart!
Where?
Down in my heart!
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart to stay.
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart!
Where?
Down in my heart!
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart to stay!

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Worship with Little Current UC

– Messy Church Sunday –

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HAPPY SUMMER !!!!