# The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
## November 15, 2026



**Gathering Music**

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

(VU # 663)

**Welcome**

# Announcements



# Sounds Like Christmas in Erin

Jingle Bell Rock

Frosty the Snowman

Jingle Bells



Erin United Church is inviting you to come and join us for a

## Christmas Concert & Sing Along

White Christmas

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

SUN NOV 29 2026

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Good Will Offering

All Welcome!

Here Comes Santa Claus

Winter Wonderland

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Please support our local food bank by "bringing a can if you can"







**Please join us at**

**Erin United Church, 115 Main Street, Erin**

**as we celebrate the**

**5th Anniversary of our Amalgamated Congregation**

**on Sunday, November 22nd, 2026, at 10:30 am**

***"A Legacy of Faith - A Future of Hope"***

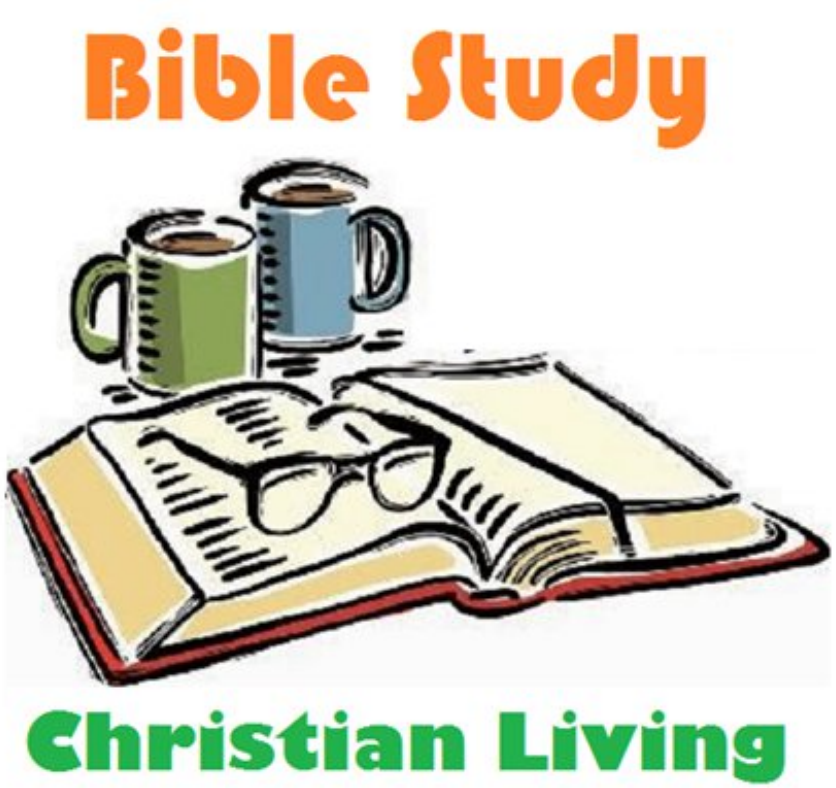
**Guest Speaker: Rev. Derek Perry**

**Those of you who wish to join us by ZOOM should call the church at (519) 833-9727 and leave your name and email address to receive a ZOOM Link message.**

**Families from Ballinafad and Erin are encouraged to share this invitation with their friends and relatives as we celebrate this special occasion. All are welcome.**

**An elevator is available. A Sunday School program will be available for the children.**

**We know you will enjoy the special music and the opportunity to renew acquaintances. A light lunch will be served following the service.**




All are welcome !

Wednesday November 18

@ 7:00 pm

By Zoom

Each session is a complete unit, so you can join anytime.



## Light the Christ Candle

**The light of Jesus Christ inspires our prayers.**

The light of Jesus Christ brings joy to our singing.

**The light of Jesus Christ finds purpose in God's word.**

The light of Jesus Christ illumines the needs of the world.  So will we.

**Amen.**

# Prelude

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## Call to Worship

We come to worship with many ways of showing praise.

**We stretch. Our eyes look up. We imagine you, God, looking upon us.**

We extend our hands to await your blessing. We are humbled in your presence, God.

**Receive our longing, our reaching, the joyful songs we raise. Receive our humility, our relationships with one another, our looking close to the ground.**

With all our postures, we worship God.

**Amen.**

**Hymn VU # 288** *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Refrain*** **Great is thy faithfulness !**
**Great is thy faithfulness !**
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**
**all I have needed thy hand hath provided**
**great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !**

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

***Refrain***

**Great is thy faithfulness !**
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**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**
**all I have needed thy hand hath provided**
**great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

***Refrain***

**Great is thy faithfulness !**
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**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**
**all I have needed thy hand hath provided**
**great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !**

## Prayer of Confession

Abundant Creator, we confess our strong urge to play it safe with the gifts you give us. We want to trust in your ways, O God. We feel we don't have enough time for everything, so we push aside the things we should do and neglect the tasks that are most important.

**We want to trust in your ways, O God. As the Church, we hold tightly to the gifts you give us, afraid we will lose them. We remain silent and cautious, even when we witness wrongdoing or injustice. We want to trust in your ways, O God.**

## Words of Assurance

God wants only good things for all God's children. Wherever we are and whoever we are, God is with us. God has destined us to be free and generous. Let us live in God's forgiveness and power.
**Amen.**



**Time with the Young People** *by Rev. Yun-Hee*



**Children Song** *"My God is So Great"*



## We Share Our Gifts

## Sleeping Children Offering *led by Donna*



## Musical Offering  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



## Offering Prayer

**Gracious God, you created us not as empty vessels to be tucked away from all good use.  Instead, you chose to fill us with your Spirit and make us stewards of your Creation.  In gratitude, we give you praises and return a proportion of that which you gifted us.  Open our hands and our hearts so that we may become conformed to the image of Christ and even more productive as your faithful servants. Amen.**


(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

**The Scripture Reading** *Matthew 25:14-30* *read by Ed*

[Jesus said] "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with two talents gained two more. But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with

The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant ! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness !' The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness !'

Then the man who had received one talent came.

'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant ! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed ? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

This is the Word of God / **Thanks be to God !**



**Message** *by Rev. Yun-Hee*

**Hymn VU # 223** *"Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"*

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Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise:
your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;
your servants proclaim the renown of your name
who rules over all and is ever the same.



2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,
your mighty Creation in beauty arrayed,
we thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.

3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.



**Reflection on Remembrance Day** *by Donna*

## Prayers of the People

By the Spirit, we have been chosen to be bearers of love in this world; to illumine wherever we are with greater truth, kindness, and justice for all.

**We pray for places of conflict and suffering in our world, our community, our homes, and within ourselves. For all these we pray, may we be awake to Love.**

We pray for poverty in all its forms that tip the scales of Godly justice creating greater vulnerability, marginalisation, and antipathy in our world.
For all these we pray, may we be awake to Love.

**We pray for the habits, attitudes, and fears that cloud our vision of God's realm and keep us from shining forth in God's way. For all these we pray, may we be awake to Love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer VU # 960**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn MV # 135** *"Called by Earth and Sky"*

***Refrain*** **Called by earth and sky,**
**promise of hope held high**
**This is our sacred living trust,**
**treasure of Life, sanctified**
**Called by earth and sky**

1 Precious these waters endless seas,
deep ocean's dream
Waters of healing, rivers of rain
The wash of love again ***R***



2 Precious this gift the air we breathe,
wind born and free
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place
Our gathering and our grace

***Refrain*** **Called by earth and sky,**
**promise of hope held high**
**This is our sacred living trust,**
**treasure of Life, sanctified**
**Called by earth and sky**

**3 Precious these mountains ancient sands,**
**vast fragile land**
**Seeds of our wakening rooted and strong**
**Creation's faithful song** ***R***

4 Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day
Fire of passion sorrows undone
Our faith and justice one

***Refrain*** **Called by earth and sky,**
**promise of hope held high**
**This is our sacred living trust,**
**treasure of Life, sanctified**
**Called by earth and sky**
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## Blessing

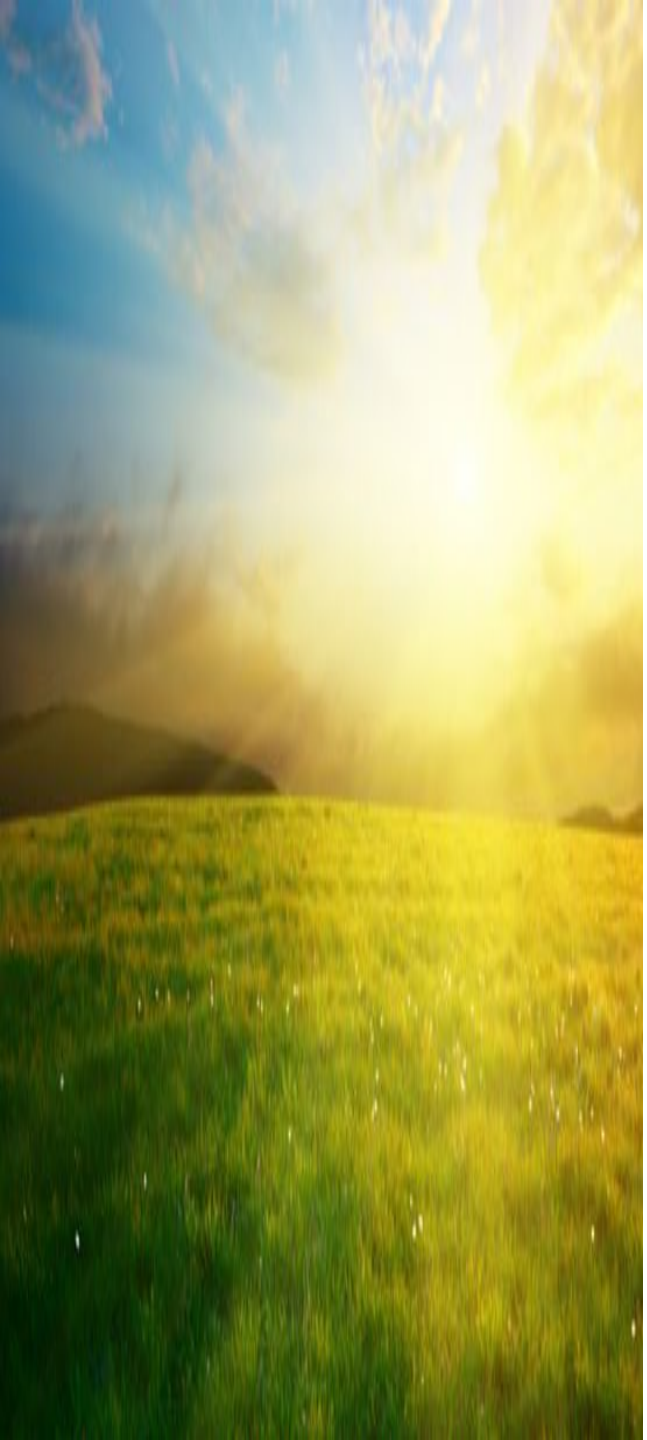
Look up ! Look down ! Look around! Look inside !

God is everywhere, awaiting us, hoping with us, seeking our response.

We go from this place to enter into the joy of our God.

**Amen.**





**Commissioning** "Go Now in Peace"

*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 God 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 within, around, above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*
*Amen, amen, amen.*

**God, we thank you for being with us.**
**And**
**thank you Congregation for worshipping today**
**in person and by Zoom and for your participation !**



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