

October 19, 2025

Gathering Music

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” (VU # 559)

Welcome



Light the Christ Candle



We may come here with hope, with joy, with pain, or with the heaviness of life. But we come together to be renewed and to comfort each other. We come to find hope and to receive courage and strength for our daily journey. Let us gather around this candle, a light for the world in the life of Christ. Amen.

A large, vibrant border of various fresh vegetables and fruits surrounds the central text. The produce includes melons, corn, tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, cabbages, and leafy greens, all arranged in a circular pattern around the word "Announcements".

Announcements

Erin United Church

invites you to our

DRIVE-THRU HAM DINNER

**SATURDAY
NOV 1, 2025**

**All Tickets
\$25 each**

YOU WILL ENJOY HAM-ON-THE-BONE,
SCALLOPED POTATOES,
MIXED VEGGIES, COLESLAW, ROLL,
AND A SWEET CHOICE OF
A HOMEMADE DESSERT



**5:00 pm
until
7:00 pm**

Tickets are limited and must be pre-ordered by calling
Colleen Hawes at (519) 994-1923 no later than October 26th.
PICK-UP at the back of church - 115 Main St., Erin - watch for signs.
Payment can be made by e-transfer when placing your order,
OR by cash at pickup.



Prelude

“Let All Things Now Living”

Call to Worship

God, we come as ordinary people, with ordinary lives. Ordinary we are, but your call to us is powerful. We come to be fed at your table of Grace.

We come to be fed, knowing that we are also called to feed others. We come remembering your commissioning to us, to live out our faith as presence in this world. As your called people, we proclaim justice and encourage generosity. Amen.

Hymn VU # 664

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

1

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear !
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer !
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations ?
 Is there trouble anywhere ?
We should never be discouraged;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
 who will all our sorrows share ?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.



3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care ?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us ?
 Are we tempted to despair ?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
 and we'll find new courage there.



Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the ways we mismanage Creation and abuse your provision through selfish desires while others go hungry. Sometimes we lack in confidence that your Grace will never run out. May you forgive us for taking your abundance for granted and for not being more grateful.

Words of Assurance

Our God is close to all who call. God receives us as we are, lifts us up, and calls us again to be people of love and mercy - salt and light in a hungry, hurting world. Receive God's pardon and peace; your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God !



Time with the Young People Children's Song

by Yun-Hee

"Hallelu ! Hallelu ! Hallelu ! Hallelujah !"

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

The top countries facing the worst hunger crises in 2025 :

Sudan, Somalia, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Yemen, due to factors like conflict, climate shocks, and economic instability. Other countries like Afghanistan, Syria, Nigeria, and those in the Sahel region (south of the Sahara desert) also face severe food insecurity.



Gladys Ocida in Uganda

The Scriptures

Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
We give thanks for inspiration.

Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Faithful Lives

O God, we pray that we will know you more clearly as we try in faith to live with you. May we truly worship you in body, mind, heart and soul, so that the fullness of your life is expressed in some small way within us.

Holy Spirit, may you teach us to see the world around us as you do: so that we discern your wisdom and guidance in all our relationships.

Jesus Christ, help us to follow in your way, loving our neighbours as ourselves and walking in courage towards those who exploit others.

God of the Universe, may you show us the beauty of your Creation that we may value everything that lives and cherish all that you have given to us. O God, may your Church always bear witness to the delight of your infinite reality and gather together all that we know of you into a unity which makes us one with you, for you are the centre of everlasting life. Amen.

From Words for Worship, posted on the Uniting Church website.



- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and
stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes
before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is
banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.**

**2 By law God enforces, the stars in their
courses**

**and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and
fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and
rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**



“Minutes for Mission”

by Donna



Prayers of the People

Listening God, you hear our prayers before we speak yet welcome our praying; therefore we come with confidence to lay our requests before you. We pray for Christians everywhere, for strength to persevere in faithfulness. We pray for the whole people of God. God of Grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world, for all leaders, and for those who make policy decisions. We pray for the well-being of our global community. God of Grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Earth and all living creatures, for regions and species at risk, and for the sharing of resources. We pray for the wholeness of Creation. God of Grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are overcome by violence, for victims of injustice or oppression, and for those in poverty or pain. We pray for all who need healing and peace. God of Grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who endure trials, for those who are dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for all in need of comfort and hope. God of Grace, hear our prayer.

You have heard the prayers of your people, O God. We rest in the comfort of your care, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



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.

Musical Offering HYMN 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

Life-Giving God, these gifts are to provide living water for lives that are parched, and actual food and water for any who live with a scarcity of these essentials. These gifts are offered to encourage those who wonder if their hopes will ever come to fruition, and to support the gardeners who lovingly tend your world and its peoples in so many ways. Amen.



Hymn VU # 577

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

- 1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in'a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in'a my soul.

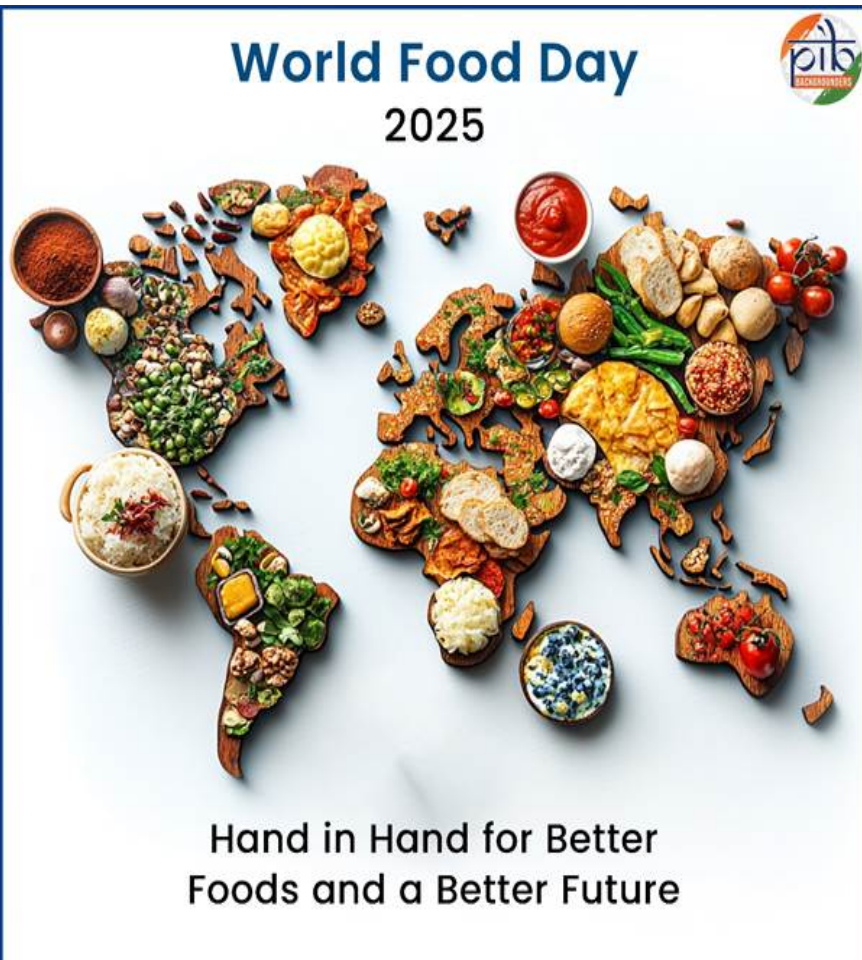


2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in'a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in'a my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in'a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in'a my soul.

Blessing

Like autumn leaves rustling on the ground in rainbow colours of promise, may we go out to share the promises of God.



May our Triune God bless what we offer to nourish life in the world; what we do to bring sustenance, joy, and delight; and what we model to transform people's giving into a habit of abundant sharing in Jesus' name.

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 !
Thank you for your
participation in
the Service !**

(adapted from the United Church of Canada's Resources, 'Gathering'

https://mcc.org/sites/default/files/2024-08/WorldFoodDay2024_final.pdf Mennonite Central Committee

<https://untilallarefed.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/worship-guide-2025.pdf> Canadian Foodgrains Bank

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