The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Know, Grow together in Faith

September 27, 2026

Gathering Music

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (VU # 325)

Welcome



Announcements



Support your Local

FOOD BANK

this Thanksgiving

Erin United Church

115 Main Street

is providing a drive-thru opportunity
to DROP OFF your donations on

Saturday, October 3, 2026 ▪ 10 am – Noon

DROP OFF will be at the rear of the church

MOST NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE:

CANNED FRUIT · FLOUR · COOKING OIL · SUGAR · INSTANT COFFEE
SPAGHETTI SAUCE · COOKIES · CRACKERS · FRESH PRODUCE
CLEANING & HYGIENE PRODUCTS
GROCERY GIFT CARDS (RECEIPTS FOR CARDS OVER $25)

Join us at Erin United Church and show your support for the East Wellington Community Services Food Bank. HELP LOCALLY!

Light the Christ Candle



We light the Christ candle each week, as a reminder that the presence of Jesus guides our lives. We celebrate this light of Jesus as the love that transforms how we live our lives and challenges us to seek justice and peace for all. Amen.

Prelude

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"



Call to Worship

Holy God, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Mould our lives into an offering to you and a joy for us, for we yearn to be like Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a Cross.

May your Spirit so infuse the life of this church that we may be empowered to follow Jesus Christ,

who is highly exalted by you and honoured in Heaven and on Earth and under the earth.

And so we proclaim together:
Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, originator of everything.

Offering our lives, our service,
who was, who is, and who always will be.

Let us worship God ! **Amen.**

Hymn VU # 213 *"Rejoice the Lord is King"*

1 Rejoice the Lord is King !
Your risen Lord adore !
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

R **Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:**
rejoice; again I say, rejoice !

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. ***R***

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er Earth and Heaven;
the keys of Death and Hell
are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice !

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice !

Prayer of Confession

In gratitude for God's love, in recognition of how we are made new each day, let us open our hearts to God's heart in silent communion, seeking that same Grace as the ground of our being.
(*a time of silent prayer*)

Words of Assurance

You are worthy of God's Grace. Leave it all at the foot of the Cross. Notice love in God's eyes. You are forgiven. God releases you from the guilt and the regret so that you may go forward and serve others.

Hallelujah ! Amen.

Time with the Young People & Music

"Rainstorm"

by Jan



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

Our gifts have been showered upon us but our gifts are not for ourselves alone.
Our gifts are meant to be shared, a response of love, joy, and generosity.
Bless these gifts, and bless the givers and the recipients so that we may all know our Love and Grace. Amen.

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

The Scriptures *read by Rick H.*

First Reading Philippians 2:1–13

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a Cross ! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on Earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Second Reading John 14:5–14

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way ?"
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."
Philip said , "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."
Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time ? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me ? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority.

Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God !

Time of Sharing

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Hymn VU # 297 *"All Praise to You"*

1 All praise to you, O God of all Creation:
you made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet Earth you spun in its location
amid the stars adorning Heaven's dome.
We lease the Earth but for a life's duration,
yet for this life it is our cherished home.



2

With wondrous grace you clothed the Earth in splendour;
with teeming life you filled the sea and land.
Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder
when we behold the bounty of your hand.
Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,
we hear the voice our faith can understand.



3 To tend the Earth is our entrusted duty,
for Earth is ours to use and not abuse.
O gracious God, true source of all resources,
forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
while Earth gives glory to Creation's Lord.



Minutes for Mission

by Donna



Prayers of the People

Holy God, we pray for the Church and for the world, trusting in your mercy and love. Please listen to our prayers.

For the Church throughout the world, that we may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, welcoming all people with compassion and serving our neighbours with humility.

For our communities and for all who hold positions of responsibility, that they may seek justice, peace, and the well-being of all people, especially those who are vulnerable or forgotten.

For those who are suffering because of war, violence, poverty, displacement, or loneliness. May God bring comfort to those who grieve, protection to those in danger, and hope to those who feel forgotten.

For those who are sick, especially those known to us, *(pause for silent naming)* and for those who care for them. May they know God's healing presence, strength, and peace.

For our families, friends, neighbours, and communities, that we may be patient with one another, generous in our love, and ready to forgive.

Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people. Give us hearts that are open to your Spirit, hands ready to serve, and courage to be instruments of your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

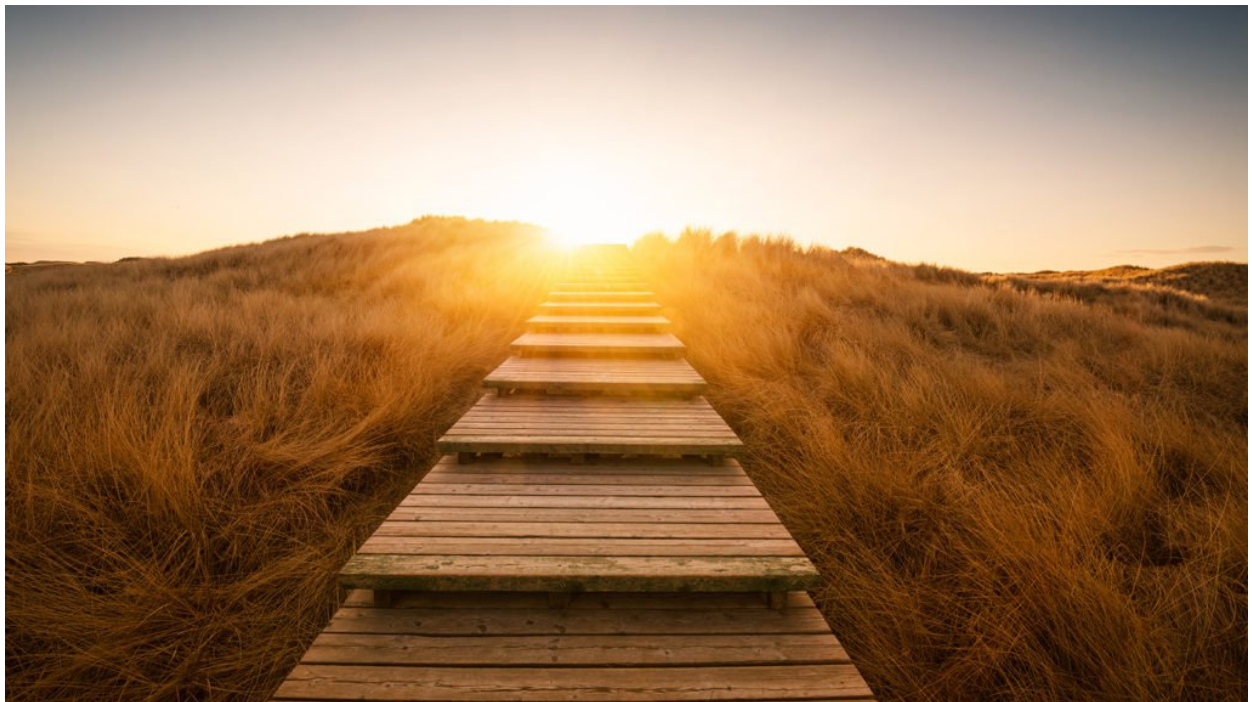
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU # 356 *"Seek Ye First the Kingdom"*

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

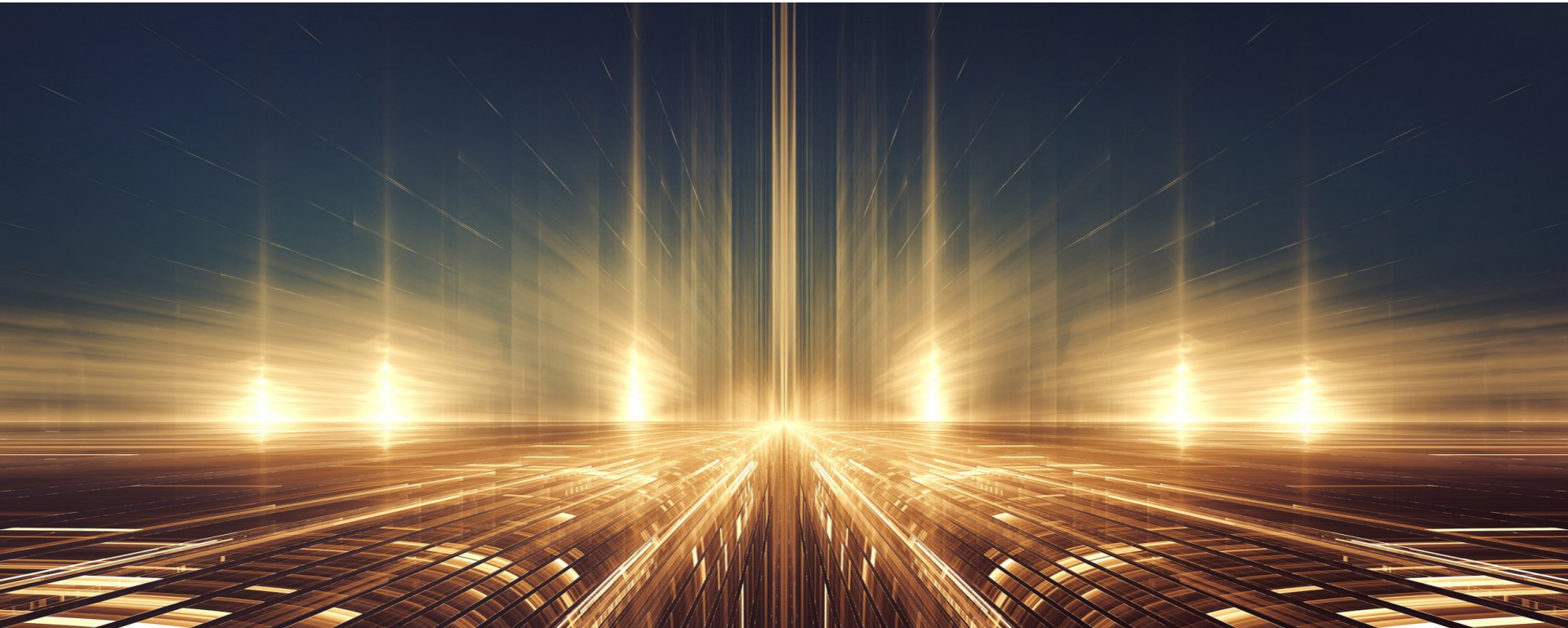
2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.



Blessing

May the Grace of God sustain us.
May the example of Jesus guide us.
May the bravery that comes from the Holy Spirit encourage us today, tomorrow, and in all days and nights ahead. **Amen.**



Commissioning



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.

We thank God for being with us
And
thank you Congregation for worshipping today in person and by Zoom
and
Special Thank you for your participation in the Service !

