

Offering Prayer: Good and generous God, receive our humble gifts, offered in hope and gratitude. Make something of them, and of us, so that the world will be surprised by your love and what we can offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 595 We are pilgrims.

To Depart in Faith

Commissioning and Benediction

Go now in the peace of Christ —a peace that restores, that lifts the humble, that overflows to the poor and the hungry.

May the Spirit guide your steps into places where restoration is needed most.

May your hands be open to give, and your heart open to receive.

And may the blessing of the God who restores, Christ who redeems, and the Spirit who renews, be with you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

Closing VU 242 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 onto 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; till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished as forward we travel from light into light.

Scripture readings for November 2 2025

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

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Welcome and Announcements.

Acknowledgement

We look to the Crest of the United Church of Canada to be reminded of our identity and mission:

The Medicine Wheel reflects respect for diversity and interdependence, is represented in the four traditional colours of yellow, red, black, and white, which incorporate important teachings from the four directions, the four stages of life, and the four seasons. The Medicine Wheel teaches us to seek balance in the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of the circle of life. **Holy God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, You have given us all the gifts needed so that our whole family - all our relations in Creation - may live and flourish. Help us to recognize and foster these gifts within ourselves and one another.**

Introit Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simple be. VU 374

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship

From the routines of work and school, home and play,
we have come to worship God.

With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,
we have come to worship God.

In the midst of our fears and our hopes,
we offer our prayer and praise in Jesus' name.

For we trust in God's power and presence,
so let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

Christ Candle

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,
**may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining
through us brighten the world.**

Hymn: VU 333 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Approach

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives:
the beauty and abundance of nature,
the love of family and friends,
the joy of knowing you and hearing your word.
Send Your Spirit during this time of worship
so that we might dream your dreams
and see visions of the world as you created it to be.
Guide our thoughts and actions.
Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of rain and harvest,
God of the humble and the hopeful,
You draw us in to be renewed by Your presence.
We come as those who long for Your restoration,
yet confess we often look for it in our own strength.
We come as people blessed and broken,
hungry for the mercy that lifts the lowly.
Open our eyes to see Your restoring work in our midst.
Open our hearts to be part of it.

**Response: MV 12 Come touch our hearts that we may know
compassion, from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong
enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

Words of Assurance

We thank God for the rain that refreshes, for the harvest that
feeds, for the Spirit that fills us with life.
We thank God for the quiet ways God restores us: strength in

our weakness; peace in our fear; companionship in our
loneliness. We praise God for the mercy that lifts the humble,
and for the justice that gives the last their place at the table. All
glory be to God, now and always. Amen.

**Response: MV 115 Behold! Behold! I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today. Behold, behold, I
make all things new my promise is true for I am Christ the way.**

Story Time

Hymn: VU 377 Holy Spirit Hear us

First Scripture Reading Joel 2:23-32

This is the story of God's people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 65 VU 782

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ! **All: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

HYMN: You are mine

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation: Sometimes we think what we have to offer
doesn't matter. Somebody else has more to share. But God knows
the value of a few loaves and fishes shared, a lost coin claimed, one
tiny seed planted from which a tree grows. Trust God with what you
have to offer and see what God can do.

Offertory Hymn: VU 538 **For the gift of creation, the gift of your
love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and
give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by
the gifts that we give.**