

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.

Communion, The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 266 For the Beauty of the Earth

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 884 You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; they'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands! And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy!

Scripture readings for November 2 2025

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

Service dates for Harvest Manitoba.

Please join us as we aid the less fortunate by sorting donated food items at Harvest Manitoba (1085 Winnipeg Ave.), from 5:30p.m. -7:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday of the month.

October 6th and 20th, November 10th and 24th, December 8th and 22nd, January 12th and 26th, February 9th and 23rd, March 9th and 23rd, April 13th and 27th, May 11th and 25th, June 8th

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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, 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 VU 395

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

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: 705 For All the Saints

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: VU 662 Lead me God, lead me in your
righteousness, make your way plain before my face. For it is
you, and you God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

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: Halle, Halle, Halle

HYMN: 602 Blest be the Tie that Binds 567 Will you come and
follow

First Scripture 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 story of Jesus. **All: Thanks be to God.**

To Respond to the Word of God

Reflection

HYMN: 567 Will you come and follow

Minute for Mission, Prayers of the People

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 541 Praise God from whom all blessings
flow; praise God all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in
love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.