

Sunday May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day
We Gather In God's Presence

Acknowledgement of the Land: This land is our Creators'. For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on and cared for this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. As we come into worship we recognize that Dorchester United Church is located on the traditional territory of the Anishnabewaki, the Attawandaronk, the Mississauga, and others. The community of Dorchester is represented by the London Township Treaty of 1796.

As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work toward justice and reconciliation as together we care for God's creation and for one another.

Prelude: "What Wondrous Love This"

"Inspired by Grieg's "Air"
from Holberg Suite"
William Walkers Southern Harmony Arr. Faye Lopez.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

One: People of God, we come this morning to worship our Creator.

All: We come to have our eyes opened to God's presence among us.

One: We come to find the quiet centre where God's Spirit moves and lives and fills our being.

All: We come to hear the story of Jesus, that we might find a new way in Him.

One: Jesus declared "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Words: Hope Publishing Company.
Music: Public Domain. Harmony: Augsburg Fortress.

- 1 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 simply be.

2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" (written by Ted Harris)
Alan Busche and Floyd Wills

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Learning With All God's Children

Hymn VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Words, Music, Descant: Maranatha! Music (Administered by The Copyright Company)

- 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.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31 (VU pg 758 Part One and Part Three)

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Sermon: "How Can We Know the Way?"

Hymn VU 344 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Words: John Newton. Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle. Public Domain.

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,
and drives away all fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

5 The effort of my heart is weak,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you whom I seek,
I'll praise you as I ought.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: VU 544 (tune 625) In Gratitude and Humble Trust

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself for us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn MV 156 Dance with the Spirit (additional verses; move, pray, sing)

Words and music: Jim Strathdee, 1995
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Dance with the Spirit early in the morn-in',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the day.
Work and hope for the new life
a-bor-in',
Listen to he spirit to show the say.

Dance with the Spirit early in the morn-in',
Move with the Spirit throughout the day.
Work and hope for the new life
a-bor-in',
Listen to he spirit to show the say.

Dance with the Spirit early in the morn-in',
Pray with the Spirit throughout the day.
Work and hope for the new life
a-bor-in',
Listen to he spirit to show the say.

Dance with the Spirit early in the morn-in',
Sing with the Spirit throughout the day.
Work and hope for the new life
a-bor-in',
Listen to he spirit to show the say.

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Response: VU 961 "Let us, O God, Depart In Peace"

George Whelpton, in the Public Domain.

Let us, O God, depart in peace,
who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face,
and be forever near.

Postlude: "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter.

Of Note:

- Rev. Tracy will not be in the pulpit on May 17, 2026 and we welcome Rev. Karlene Kimber to lead us in worship.
- Sunday May 24th we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the Sacrament of Communion. For those worshipping online, please feel free to prepare your communion elements in advance so you can fully participate.