

Sunday June 14, 2026

Third Sunday After Pentecost

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: "in the Garden" C. Austin Miles Arr. Cindy Berry

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: In our worship together, we come to praise God.

All: We come to praise the One who knows us and loves us.

One: We come to hear God's Word,

All: so that we might be inspired to go out and live it.

One: We come to open our hearts in prayer,

All: so that we might come to pray with and for others.

One: We come to meet one another in community,

All: so that we might see the world as our community and live our faith as we open ourselves to others.

One: We come to worship God,

All: that the entirety of our lives might reflect praise and thanksgiving.

Hymn "God, We Praise You" (vs. 1,2, 4,6) VU 415

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1 God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.

2 God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.

4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.

6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "I Will Joyfully Sing" Mary McDonald

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 "Deep in Our Hearts" MV 154

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Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 (pg. 824) Refrain 2

Shout to God, all the earth:
worship with gladness and joy.
Come before God with laughter,
our maker to whom we belong.
To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,
let us raise our voices in song.

Come to God's gates with thanks;
come to God's courts with praise.

Praise and bless God's name.

'Truly you are good:
you are always gracious,
and faithful age after age.'

R Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Sermon: Both/And

Hymn "You Shall Go Out with Joy" VU 884

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You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'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,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

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 "It Only Takes a Spark" VU 289
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- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

- 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees
are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where
you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Commissioning and Benediction

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

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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: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" John Ritter