

Sunday June 28, 2026

Fifth 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: "Simple Gifts" Traditional Shaker Melody 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: As the warmth of June turns into July

All: We live in the warmth of God's love.

One: As the rains fall and sink deep into the soil

All: We soak up the Spirit of God.

One: As the days lengthen and all of creation invites us to play

All: We live and move and breathe in God, who is with us.

One: As we come together to worship God

All: We find peace and hope in our Creator.

Hymn "This Is the Day" VU 412

*Words (v. 1), Music: Public Domain. Words (v 2 and 3),
Arrangement: Songs for a Gospel People*

- 1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

- 2 Open to us, open to us
 your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
 to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
 we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
 your gates, O God.
- 3 You are our God, you are our God,
 we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
 for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
 we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
 we will praise your name.
- 4 This is the day, this is the day
 that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

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 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" VU 574

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- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
 tender and true, tender and true,
 out of the heart of the Father above,
 streaming to me and to you:
 wonderful love, wonderful love
 dwells in the heart of the Father above.

- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
 joyfully came, joyfully came,
 came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
 sharing their sorrow and shame,
 seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
 saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
 why do they roam? why do they roam?
 Love only waits to forgive and forget;
 home, weary wanderers, home!
 Wonderful love, wonderful love
 dwells in the heart of the Father above.

- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
 Come and abide, come and abide,
 lifting my life till it rises above
 envy and falsehood and pride:
 seeking to be, seeking to be
 lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91 (VU page 807)

You who dwell in the shelter of your God,
who abide in God's shadow for life,

say to your God: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!'

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:

**under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield.**

**R And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
bake you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;

**though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.**

For to the angels is given a command to guard you
in all your ways;

**upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**R And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
bake you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

'Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them,

I will uphold them because they know my name.

When they call to me I will answer,

I will be with them in trouble;

I will rescue and bring them to honour.

**With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my saving power.'**

**R And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
bake you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

Scripture: Genesis 22: 1-14

Sermon: "It Began With Laughter"

Hymn "I Have Called You by Your Name" **MV 161**

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I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
Read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
Offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I will know you need my touch as you go;
Feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
Make my wounded children whole;
Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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 "To Show by Touch and Word" VU 427

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- 1 To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.
- 2 Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.
- 3 Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

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: "O Worship the King" Johann Michael Haydn Arr. by Philip Keveren