

Sunday September 13, 2026

Creation Time 1 in the Season of Pentecost

We Gather In God's Presence

Acknowledgement of the Land (not in unison)

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 Anishnaabeg, the Attawandaronk, and the Mississauga. 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.

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

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Prelude:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

All: We walk in the Light of Christ.

Gathering Hymn MV 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life

Call to Worship

One: Our Creating God has given us life.

All: With gratitude and awe we come to worship the God of Creation.

One: From the beginning of time God has woven together the intricacies of the world.

All: The lands and seas, the creatures of the earth and those of the skies. God has woven together you and me.

One: Let us praise the Creator for we are wonderfully made.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Prayer

Anthem:

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** 372 Though I May Speak

We Listen for God's Word

Psalm VU pg. 853 Psalm 130

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Response to the Word

One: The Living Word of God in scripture.

All: May the Word live among us and within us.

Sermon: Keeping Count

Hymn VU 364 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: TLUS 60 There's Enough For All

**There's enough for all
if we would learn to share it,
there's enough for all,
oh, help us to believe.
There's enough for all.
Let's bring our loaves and fishes,
and offer them to Jesus.
There's more than enough for you and me.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of God's People & 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 VU 242 Let All Things Now Living

Commissioning and Benediction

**Sung Response: Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

God will be there watching from above,

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude: