

Sunday September 20, 2026
Creation Time 2 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: "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

Words: By Don Besig and Nancy Price

Music: By Don Besig

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

All: We walk in the Light of Christ.

Gathering Hymn "Sing your Praise to God Eternal" VU 244

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- 1 Sing your praise to God eternal,
sing your praise to God the Son,
sing your praise to God the Spirit,
living and forever One.
God has made us, God has blessed us,
God has called us to be true.
God rules over all creation,
daily making all things new.**

**2 Join the praise of every creature,
 sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,
 hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise God for the light of summer,
 autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime
 and the life of all that grows.**

**3 Praise God on our days of gladness
 for the summons to rejoice;
praise God in our times of sadness
 for the calm, consoling voice.
God our Maker, strong and loving,
 Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, Creator Spirit,
 be your holy name adored!**

Call to Worship

One: It is God who Created at the beginning of time and who continues to create in our world today.

All: We sing our praise to God who has made us and blessed us.

One: God sees everything that God makes and declares it to be good.

All: May we care for God's creation and declare it to be good.

One: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

All: O God, we praise You and thank You. Alleluia!

Gathering Prayer

Anthem: "I Hear God's Music"

Dan Forest: Tune: Amsterdam from Foundery Collection 1742

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 "God of the Bible (vs. 1-3)" MV 28

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- 1. God of the Bible, God of the Gospel,
 Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
 You are our centre, daylight or darkness.
 Freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
Go always faithful, you do not change.**

- 2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
 Suffering with us, taking our part,
 Still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
 Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
Go always faithful, you do not change.**

- 3. Those without status, those who are nothing,
You have made royal, gifted with rights,
Chosen as partners, mid-wives of justice,
Birthing new systems, lighting new lights.**

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
Go always faithful, you do not change.**

We Listen for God's Word

Psalm Psalm 145 VU pg.866

Every day we will bless you
and praise your name forever.

**O God, you are great and highly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond all measure.**

One generation shall praise your works to another,
and declare your marvellous deeds.

**I will speak of your splendour and glory,
and all your wonderful works.**

Refrain:

We praise you, O God: we bless your holy name.

You, God, are righteous in all your ways,
and loving in all your deeds.

**You are near to all who call to you,
to all who call on you in truth.**

You fulfil the desire of those who revere you;
you hear their cry and you save them.

**You watch over all who love you,
but the wicked you will destroy.**

My mouth will speak your praise, O God.

Let every creature bless your holy name forever.

Refrain:

We praise you, O God: we bless your holy name.

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

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....AGAIN!

Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (vs. 1, 4)

VU 120

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**1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: "There's Enough For All" TLUS 60

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 "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" VU 245

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- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
 praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
 praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.**
- Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
 praise the Lord in the city square,
 praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.**

**Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.**

**Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.**

**2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.**

**Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.**

**Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.**

**Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!**

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 God 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: "I will Bless Thee O Lord, with Great is the Lord"

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