

Sunday October 4, 2026
Creation Time 4 in the Season of Pentecost
and World Communion Sunday

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: "There is a Fountain"

Traditional American Melody, Arr. Cindy Berry

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

All: We walk in the Light of Christ.

Gathering Hymn

"This is God's Wondrous World"

VU 296

Words: Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901.

Music: English traditional melody,

adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, adapted by Stanley Oliver.

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- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Call to Worship

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to be made one.

Many: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

One: What do we find at today's table?

Many: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

One: What is not at today's table?

Many: The many powers of the world, which seek to divide and separate.

One: Let us come together, and give thanks to God for calling us into relationship with god and with one another.

Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love. *

Gathering Prayer

Anthem: "How Beautiful"

Words and music by Twila Paris, Choral setting by Lloyd Larson

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 Touch Our Hearts" MV 12

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**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion
From falling embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn in justice,
To seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.**

**Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.**

**Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
Set free our thought to wonder and to dream;
Help us to open doors of understanding,
To welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.**

**Come touch us in the moment we are fragile,
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;
That we may rise to follow and to serve,
Steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
To break the bread and share the cup of peace;
That we may love you with our heart,
our soul, our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

*We Listen for **God's Word***

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Response to the Word

One: The Living Word of God in scripture.

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

Sermon: "It's About Relationship!"

Hymn "All Who Hunger"

VU 460

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- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
 holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
 Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
 all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
 seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
 in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together;
 Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
 Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
 live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

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

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

All: We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

One: We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

All: We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

One: Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

All: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

All: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

All: At Christ's table, there is room for all.

One: Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

All: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one. *

(The prayer continues...)

One: And so we thank you and praise you, Therefore with all the saints of every time and place, we join the angels in their praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

(The prayer continues...)

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection; we await with hope his coming again, to bring peace and justice to the earth; and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died
Christ has risen
Christ will come again**

(The prayer continues...)

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

VU 468

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- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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