

Sunday October 11, 2026
Creation Time 5 in the Season of Pentecost
Thanksgiving

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: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

*George J. Elvey
Arr. Victor Labenske*

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

All: We walk in the Light of Christ.

Gathering Hymn "Come, You Thankful People, Come (Vs. 1,2) VU 516

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- 1 Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!**

2 All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4 Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Call to Worship

One: We come this morning with a song of thanksgiving on our hearts.

All: We come to worship God and join together as a community; people seeking to grow in faith and find a place.

One: Here we will find welcome, acceptance and a place to belong.

All: Here we will hear God's Word for us today; a living Word that brings meaning to life.

One: A Word in which God invites us to love God and to love one another.

All: May our worship today be a reflection and celebration of that love.

Gathering Prayer

Anthem: "Hymn of Grateful Praise".

By John Carter

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

"We Plough the Fields"

VU 520

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- 1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

2 **You only are the maker
 of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
 you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you,
 by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
 you give us daily bread.
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

3 **We thank you then, O Maker,
 for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
 our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
 for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for,
 our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture: Luke 17: 11-19

Response to the Word

One: The Living Word of God in scripture.

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

Sermon: The Kind of World...

Hymn "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV 30

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**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The thrush sing high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

**It's a call of life to the Giver,
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
When high tides break on the shore.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The bumble bees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
The summer breezes joins the song.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

**It's the course of all creation;
It's sung by all living things,
It's the course of all creation,
A song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: There's Enough For All TLUS60

**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 "Go, Make a Difference" MV 209

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**Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
Not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.
So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
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Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see the love of God for you and me.
We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need,
The face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world.
Not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.
So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world.**

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: “Now Thank we All Our God”

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