Sunday November 15, 2026

Proper 28
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: Prelude: Near to The Heart of God
Jeannette M. Smith
Tune: MCAFEE by Cleland McAfee

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: We gather this morning with expectation;
All: that our time of worship might reveal the presence of God.
One: We come in hope;
All: that we might be filled with God's Spirit.
One: We come with a longing to deepen our faith and grow in community;
All: that we might know one another more fully and be more fully known.
One: With our questions and our certainties, with our doubts and our belief we come to worship God.
All: God is present here. Let's worship God with joy.

Gathering Prayer

Anthem: Hymn Sing

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 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

<u>We Listen for God's Word</u>

Responsive Psalm Psalm 123 VU 847

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Response to the Word

One: The Living Word of God in scripture.
All: May the Word live among us and within us.

Sermon: Summoned

Hymn MV 154 Deep In Our Hearts

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 646 We Are Marching

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: Postlude: Great is Thy Faithfulness.
In a setting of Franz Liszt's Liebestraum
Arrangement by Cindy Berry