



Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~
Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We are a fragrance-free environment.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn # 457 "As We Gather at Your Table"

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Call to Worship:

God, who nourishes us for the journey:

**It is strengthening to know that,
as we gather at your table today,
your people throughout the world
are offering praise and thanksgiving
as bread and wine are shared.**

**May the mystery of your presence,
experienced in our worship, bind us together
into one worldwide community. Amen.**

Introduction to the Agape Meal

Scripture: Mark 14: 12 -16

Hymn MV # 195 "Long Ago and Far Away"

Long ago and far away, Jesus lived and worked and prayed, healed the sick and the fearful and lonely, lived his life to show us God's way.

Stretched his arms out as he said "fill the cup and share the bread. Remember Me in love and joy and blessing". Jesus gathered the children around him, spoke of Love and the joy to be found, told them stories of wisdom and wonder, God's creation in all that's around.

Stretched his arms out as he said "fill the cup and share the bread. Remember Me in love and joy and blessing". Jesus called all his friends to be with him, share the bread and the cup once again, life to you I will offer it gladly, love will be with you right to the end.

Stretched his arms out as he said "fill the cup and share the bread. Remember Me in love and joy and blessing".

Scripture: Matthew 26: 26 - 30

Hymn # 552 "For Food in a World"

For food in a world where many walk in hunger, for friends in a world where many walk alone, for faith in a world where many walk in fear, we give you thanks, O God.

Children leave for their program

Food is served

Table Discussion (approx. 15 - 20 minutes while eating)

Discussion Summaries

Closing Prayer

Hymn # 424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of healing free the earth from fear, freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued. May the God of love keep our commitment clear to a world restored and to human life renewed.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Sending Forth (Adapted from the Gospel of Truth 17: 10 -16)

**Your free-will offering will help provide food for our needy neighbours via the Food Pantry run by the Community Support Centre of Essex County.*

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Thanks to Ian Phillips for preparing and leading the service, the UCW for preparing food and to Mary Lou for reading today.

Happy Birthday this week to Lloyd Cole, Andy Mantha, Carol Donald and Joannie Weisshaar. **Happy Anniversary** this coming week to Jill & Rob Buckles, Kelly & Lauren Gault and Jeff & Beth Hebert.

In case of Pastoral emergency, while Rev. Robin is away, please contact Rev. Darrow Woods at Harrow United at [\(519\) 738-4223](tel:5197384223)



Tuesday, October 4th UCW meeting at 1pm
at the church. Please join us!

The UCW is holding a Fall Quilt Raffle. A beautiful bird appliqué twin size quilt is on offer Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Don't miss out!

Draw date is Tuesday, December 6th.