



Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~
Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

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.

* Please adopt the best posture for you in singing/unison prayer

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We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Jesus said, "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

And so, as we gather in community, we light this candle as a symbol of dedicating this time to God's glory. Amen.

Call to Gather: (adapted from a prayer by Richard Holdsworth)
God in our distant places,

Draw us closer.

God in family, friends, strangers and outcasts

Draw us closer.

God in comfort, challenge, certainty and surprise,

Draw us closer.

God in appetites and satisfaction, motivation and ambition,

Draw us closer.

God within us at our best,

Draw us closer.

God within us at our worst,

Draw us closer.

God of food and fellowship and fun,

Draw us closer. Amen.

***Hymn MV # 49 "When We Seek Language"**

Opening Prayer: (based on a prayer by Carolyn Bowers)

Gracious life-giving God, you call us to live out our faith, in ways that honor you and bless our neighbors, and we recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. And so, this morning, we pray that in our worship, the treasures of your kin-dom, will shape and reshape our hearts, and that our discipleship will be clear in our worship, our witness and our service, this day and in the week to come. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn MV 106 "I Am the Dream"**

Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

Hymn

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 14: 1-14

***Hymn # 120 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

Meditation~ "Reflections"

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering Prayer:

Gracious God, we present these our gifts, not from a sense of obligation, but from an honest desire to support the work of your church. Help us to use them wisely, following always the teaching and example of Jesus of Nazareth. In his name we pray, Amen.

Offering Hymn MV # 57 "I'll Praise Eternal God"

Prayers of the people / Prayer Book is read

Community Prayer (adapted from the *Likrat Shabbat* prayer book, written by Jack Riemer and translated by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg)

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn #238 "O Lord My God"**

*Commissioning:

Our worship is ended; our service begins. And so, we go forth in the knowledge and power of God, aware always that God's love surrounds us and supports

us and sustains us in all we do as we work for the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

***Benediction**

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Thanks to Ian Phillips for preparing and Leading the service, to Karen Devries for reading and to Janet, Elaine, Anne, Mark, Jim and Sandy for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

Happy Birthday this week to Gail Precop and Jim Green

Happy Anniversary this coming week to Gail & John Laken and Dana & Christian Cortese

Men's Club Garage and Bake Sale and *Twice as Nice ladies' "boutique"* takes place this coming Saturday, May 9th from 8am to 12pm. Please look through your gently used goods to see what you want to donate to the garage sale! We'd love to see you there so come out to find some second-hand treasures!

The **UCW meeting on Tuesday, May 5** will be preceded by a special performance at 1 pm by "The Heart of Essex Chorus", 4-part a cappella voices who are an offshoot of the Sweet Adelines. Refreshments, then the business meeting will follow. Join us for part or all of this gathering.

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