**Thanks** to Ian Phillips for preparing & leading the service, to Karen Devries for reading and to Anne, Janet, Elaine and Sandy for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

**Happy Birthday** this week to Cheryl Morris, Marylou Haskell, Pam Tiplady and Sandy McPherson

<u>TODAY-</u>Please stay after service for our *Church Family BBQ Picnic* following the service. Food, fun and games for ALL ages

**UCW** starts up again on Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at the church. New faces and new ideas are always welcome!

**TEAM TUC 2025**: Let's continue our support for TEAM TUC for the 2025 Terry Fox Campaign as we enter for the 16<sup>th</sup> YEAR. Donations will be accepted in person starting today.

You can also donate online at TEAM TUC | Terry Fox Run.

We are collecting items for <u>Ready Set Go Windsor</u>, a local organization supporting low-income, newcomer, and ESL families in our community. *The list of priority items is:* Running shoes (sizes 10.5–13 US), size 5 & 6 pull-ups Fall jackets (Size 4T to 6X) \*Donations of these additional items would also be helpful: Refillable water bottles, Hand sanitizer, Baby wipes Dry erase boards and markers, Gift cards (for clothing & supplies)

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#### Tecumseh United Church

~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, August 24th, 2025 - 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.

## 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, we light this candle as a symbol of dedicating this time of worship to God's glory. Amen.

Call to Gather: (based on work by Rev. Roger Lynn)
Drawn by God's presence...we gather.
Inspired by God's spirit...we worship.
Empowered by God's grace...we live.
Opened by God's love...we share.
Come let us join with the Mystery we call God. Amen.

\*Hymn MV # 137 "Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome"

## Opening Prayer:

Gracious and loving God, we come together here today, not through habit, or because we believe we're better than others, or because we expect to change the world, but because we recognize that together we can accomplish what individually we could never do. We ask that you bless our efforts, forgive our mistakes, and support us as we work for your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

\*Hymn MV # 127 "I Saw the Rich Ones" Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

# Hymn MV # 101 "Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts"

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 13: 10 - 17
\*Hymn # 679 "Let There Be Light"

Meditation ~ "The Bible Tells Me ... What?"

# We Respond to God's Word

#### Musical Interlude

The Offering

Offering Prayer:

We recognise that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know: the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed.

Offering Hymn # 116 "Giver of the Perfect Gift" verse 1
Giver of the perfect gift,
only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
gathered at thy throne of grace.

Prayer Book is read/Community Prayer

## We Go to Love and Serve God

\*Hymn # 504 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

May our eyes be blessed to contemplate the extravagance of beauty in our world.

May our ears perceive the magnitude of beautiful sounds.

May our mouths be blessed to express

words of friendship and compassion.

May our minds be full of precious memories and dreams of tomorrow.

May our hands be blessed to convey tenderness.

May our hearts be embraced by love, possessed by love and shine out an abundance of love,

today and for all our tomorrows. Amen.

# (Grace) *Hymn # 552 "For Food in a World"* Benediction

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<sup>\*</sup>Commissioning: (adapted from a Black Rock Prayer Book)