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Tecumseh United Church
~ An Affirming Congregation ~
Sunday, December 28th, 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:

**We light this flame as a symbol of the creativity of our faith:
the creativity to explore new avenues of religious insight;
the creativity to develop a caring community;
the creativity to envision a world of peace and freedom.**

Call to Gather: (based on work by Jim Burklo)

We are here to praise and enjoy God,
**with body and soul, mind and heart,
with song and word, with hands and feet.**
We are here to give
because of the abundance God has given us,
to share with each other, and to receive,
because God has created us to depend on each other.

We are here to celebrate the differences
that otherwise might divide us:
**differences of age, of body, of culture,
of opinion, of ability, of religious conviction.**
We are here to put things in perspective:
**to celebrate what matters, to laugh about things
we take too seriously, to cry about things
that truly touch our hearts.**
So may it be this morning. Amen!

***Hymn # 299 "Teach Me, God, to Wonder"**

Opening Prayer: (from <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au>)

Creator God, we gather together from many places, pasts and communities to celebrate and worship together, as your people.

We come to worship God.

Jesus, life-giver, we celebrate all that brings us together.

We are on a journey, learning and celebrating.

We come to worship Jesus.

Spirit of love, we are a living community, and we give thanks for the movement of the Spirit - ever inspiring, strengthening, moving and challenging us.

We come to worship the Spirit. Amen!

***Hymn MV # 12 “Come Touch Our Hearts” (verses 1-3)**

Faith Friends Time / Lord’s Prayer

Hymn MV # 175 “May We But Wait”

We Listen to God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

***Hymn MV # 139 “True Faith Needs No Defence”**

Meditation ~ “A Little Heresy”

We Respond to God’s Word

Choir Anthem ~ “The Coventry Carol”

Offering Prayer:

**Ever-present God, with our offering,
we present also ourselves, all that we have been,
all that we are and all that we shall become
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering we pray, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

Offering Hymn MV # 136 “When Hands Reach Out” verse 5

Prayer Book is read/Community Prayer

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn # 633 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”**

***Commissioning: (adapted from a Black Rock Prayer Book)**

**The world is too dangerous and too beautiful
for anything but love.**

May our eyes be so blessed that we see God in everyone.

Our ears, so that we may hear the cries of the poor.

**May our hands be so blessed that
everything we touch is a sacrament.**

Our lips, so that we speak nothing but the truth with love.

**May our feet be so blessed
that we run to those who need us.**

**And may our heart be so opened, so set on fire,
that our love, our love changes everything.**

Amen.

***Benediction**

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Thank you for coming to Tecumseh United Church for worship.
If you are new to the church, please fill out a Welcome Envelope.

Thanks to Ian Phillips
for preparing and leading the service
and to Ron Brown for reading today.

Happy Birthday this coming week to Sadie Taylor
and Henry Eldracher

Would Committee Chairs please start getting your reports ready? The office needs them in the next couple weeks. Thanks!