

We Go to Love and Serve God

*** Hymn MV 41 “O, Beautiful Gaia”**

Commissioning and Benediction

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TLUS – New Hymnal “Then Let Us Sing”

Thanks to Julie Leadbetter for reading scripture, to Anne Auger and Janet Peck for leading Sunday School and to Mary Cole and Pat Busteed for hosting Coffee Hour this morning

Happy Birthday today to Carol Donald and later this week to Joannie Weisshaar, Micah Luckhardt and Maddie McKinlay

Happy Anniversary this week to Jeff & Beth Hebert

SAVE THE DATE! UCW Soup Sale: Sunday, October 18th. Two sizes- \$4/2 cups and \$8/4 cups. Varieties will be announced soon!

UCW meeting Tuesday, October 6th at 1 p.m. at the church.
All ladies are welcome.

UCW Fall Entertainment Raffle includes 2 tickets to the Windsor Light Music Theatre’s production of “Come From Away” and a \$100.00 gift card to The Keg.
Ticket cost: \$5.00 each or 3/ \$10.00 on sale now!

Coming Soon! Tinseltown Bazaar, Saturday, November 7th from 9am-12pm. Think about donating those Christmas decorations you no longer love and some of your clutter that needs a new home to our Attic Treasures room. ☺

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Tecumseh United Church
~ An Affirming Congregation ~
The Garden Belongs To God
World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4th, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi, and the neighbouring Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Attawandaron peoples.

**Please adopt the best posture for you in singing.*

BOLD text is an invitation to unison/responsive prayer

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements

*** Hymn VU 291 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

Call to Worship:

What a tremendous day! We gather to celebrate!

**With people from around the world,
we join as partners on a journey.**

We sing thanksgiving! We sing hope!

We are the church, strong and resilient in Christ.

With one voice, we proclaim God's inclusiveness.

With one voice, we gather around the world today.

Opening Prayer:

God of the garden, you have entrusted us with a world both beautiful and fragile. On this World Communion Sunday, unite us with all who gather at your table. Give us the will to care for what you have made, and the humility to pass it on. Thank you for being with us this day, and for connecting us across the globe. Amen.

*** Hymn MV 30 “A Song of Praise to the Maker”**

Communion Liturgy

Passing of the Peace

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Before we come to the table, we make peace with one another - for we cannot be at peace with God while we are at odds with our neighbour.

(Congregation shares signs of peace)

Prayer for Transformation

Leader: We acknowledge that we have not always cared for your creation as we should.

All: We have not always cared for one another as we should.

Leader: We have taken more than we needed, overlooked what was fragile, and turned away from what was hard to see.

All: Transform us, and teach us to do better.

Words of Life

God is always loving, always giving, always forgiving - and always leading us toward new and better ways. In that grace, we are free to begin again.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Holy God, Source of all life - you spoke, and the earth brought forth. You planted a garden and called it good. You fed your people with manna in the wilderness. In Jesus, you walked on this good earth, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and gathering a table where all are welcome.

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Leader: In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, said the blessing as was the Jewish custom, and gave it to his friends saying: "This cup is the new covenant. Drink it, all of you, in remembrance of me."

Leader: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and on us, that we may be one with all who share this meal, and faithful caretakers of your garden.

All: Amen.

Distribution

(VU 467 "One Bread, One Body" is sung as the elements are shared)

Leader: Jesus Christ, the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Communion *(in unison)*

**God of abundance, we have tasted your goodness.
Send us to share what we have received. Amen.**

Faith Friends ~ "Whose Garden Is It?"

Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 365 "Jesus Loves Me" verse 1 and refrain

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Hymn VU 296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

Meditation ~ "The Garden Belongs to God"

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem TLUS 11 "The river is a healer (The River)"

Presentation of Lord's Table Symbol

Offering

Offering Prayer

Offertory Hymn

Prayers of the People / The Prayer Book is read