

August 9, 2026

May God be with you: **and also with you.**

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Share in the ancient Christian practice of sharing peace & reconciliation.

Within our sanctuary, and out into the wider world.

Sing Along

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

* We Prepare our Hearts:

In this season of long light and growing things,

we gather in the presence of the Holy.

We come to notice, to listen, to pray.

In the quiet work of creation, God is near

in what delights us,

and in what troubles us.

God meets us here, in the ordinary.

In turning toward the light, creation teaches us praise.

(Light Christ candle.)

We open our hearts,

to wonder, to wisdom, to the Spirit's gentle leading.

So we worship.

* Hymn: God Who Touches Earth with Beauty (VU 310)

Opening Prayer (unison):

Maker of all that grows and breathes,

we come to you

in the beauty, the abundance,

and even in the disturbances of life.

Open us to your presence in the ordinary.

Open our hearts to receive what the moment teaches.

Open our lives to be a blessing in the world.

In this time, may sunflowers teach us your way,

the way of praise,

the way of gratitude,

the way of compassion,

the way of faithful prayer.

We come in wonder, honesty, and hope. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

* Hymn: It Only Takes a Spark (VU 289)

Wonder Time

Prayer for Illumination: (VU 377)

Holy Spirit shine now, on the book we read.

Light its holy pages, with the truth we need.

Reading: Psalm 113:1-6

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

May we walk together in their truth.

Ministry of Music

Sermon: Inventions of Summer~ Sunflowers: Pronouncing Blessings

Breath Prayer: ***Sing praises to the Maker of the Universe.***

* Hymn: (WL) Open My Eyes (VU 371)

(MF) It's a Song of Praise (MV 30)

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering for the Work and Witness of the Church

Offertory

* Offering Response: (MV 191)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

* Hymn: I Feel the Winds of God Today (VU 625)

* Sending Forth

As we go from this place,
may we turn, again and again, toward the light.

**May our life become a quiet song of praise,
not only in words,
but in the way we notice,
the way we bless,
the way we live. Amen.**

* Sung Benediction (VU 424)

***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 place.
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.***

**The United Church of Canada
Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge
Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest – 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Lori Campbell**

