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

Passing of the Peace (MFUC)
All are invited to pass the peace from their spot, offering a sign of peace to your neighbours.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus has come into this world as light,
so that we may not walk in darkness,
but have the light of life.

(Jn 8:12)

* Introit (MF) Like a Rock (MV 92)

Like a rock, like a rock
God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before
Like the river runs to ocean,
Our home is in God ever more.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

* We Prepare our Hearts:

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life,

the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

* Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing (VU 222)

Opening Prayer (unison):

Even as Jacob wondered: "Surely, God is in this place", so we come with awe into the presence of God. Knowing God is not only in this place of worship, but throughout the good wide earth beneath our feet, and the vault of the sky above. May our time of worship widen our gaze and heighten our wonder of God-with-us. AMEN.

We Listen for God's Word

* Hymn: (WL) Jesus Bids Us Shine (VU 585) (MF) God Says (VU 172)

Wonder Time

Prayer for Illumination (St. Jerome c. 350 CE)

Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

May we walk together in their truth.

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: Jacob: Trickery & Blessings

* Hymn: You Call Us Out (VU 569)

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: We Shall Go Out (VU 586)
- * Sending Forth

Jesus has come into this world as light, so that we may not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

May we go from here
Like sunlight, like starlight, like moonlight –
Shining with the light of life.
May we be like a city on a hill,
Like a lamp on a stand,
Like a candle in the dark~
Shining with the light of Jesus.

We extinguish this candle here, because the light of Christ is a love light that we carry with us.

* Sung Benediction (MF) Draw the Circle Wide (MV 145)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,

Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

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The United Church of Canada

Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge

Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest – 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Lori Campbell