

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

10:45 Announcements

Praise Band (MF)

Passing of the Peace

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

Within our sanctuary, and out into the wider world.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

All creation is made of star-stuff.

From the basic building blocks of the universe,
come fire, air, earth, and water.

And all creation sings praise to the Creator of all.

Baptized by the waters of the sky,
standing firm on the earth,
breathing deep the breath of life,
warmed by this flame...

we go where Christ's light shines!

Alleluia! Alleluia, amen!

* Hymn: This is God's Wondrous World (VU 296)

Opening Prayer:

**In the damp dark uncertainty,
in the ominous threat of the storm,
appears a gentle arc of colours
the rainbow that remembers the light.**

**In the silent questions of doubt,
in the disturbing vertigo of Your seeming absence
whispers a silent promise
the covenant of your forever being-here**

**I praise You, God, for rainbows and promises
and the courage I find
in their comforting presence. Amen.**

(by John Van Der Laar)

We Listen for God's Word

* Hymn: Small Things Count (VU 361)

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: Genesis 9:8-17

May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder

as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.

Ministry of Music

Sermon: An Eternal, Universal, Forever Kind of Promise

* Hymn: In the Quiet Curve of Evening (VU 278)

We Respond to God's Word

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

* Offering Response: (MV 79)

***Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.***

***As you love, may I love,
in receiving and in giving.***

Spirit open my heart.

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

* Hymn: Bless Now O God, the Journey (VU 633)

* Sending Forth

* Sung Benediction (MV 209)

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world!

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Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge
Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest – 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Lori Campbell**