

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

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

* We Prepare our Hearts:

We've come to worship God,

who loved us before we were yet born,

who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

whose presence never leaves us,

and whose love for us never ceases.

This is our God.

Let's worship together!

(Psalm 139)

* Hymn: For the Faithful (VU 707)

Opening Litany:

Dear God, creator of women in your own image,

born of a woman in the midst of a world half women,

carried by women in nurture and courage,

made known by women to all the children of the earth,

give to the women of our time

the strength to persevere,

the courage to speak out,

the faith to believe in you beyond

all systems and institutions

so that your face on earth may be seen in all its beauty,

so that men and women become whole,

so that the church may be converted to your will

in everything and in all ways. AMENS

We Listen for God's Word

* Hymn: Jesus Loves Me (VU 365)

Wonder Time

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy One, as we listen for your Word, open our hearts and minds to the witness of the men and women of the Bible. Through their courage and doubt, their faithfulness and failure, their questions and hope, may we hear your voice speaking into our lives today. Inspire us to follow their example where it leads us closer to Christ, and guide us to live with compassion, justice, humility, and love. Amen.

Reading: Psalm 139:13-18

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

May we walk together in their truth.

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: To Make a Quilt

* Hymn: God of the Women (see insert)

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

June 28, 2026

We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

* Hymn: We Shall Go Out (VU 586)

* Sending Forth

As we leave this place, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

At work or play, at home or on vacation, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

Whether we're happy or sad,

on our own, or with our friends, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

So let's go with joy,

because God goes with us!

* 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,

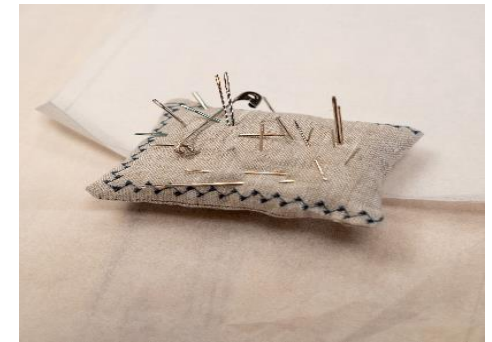
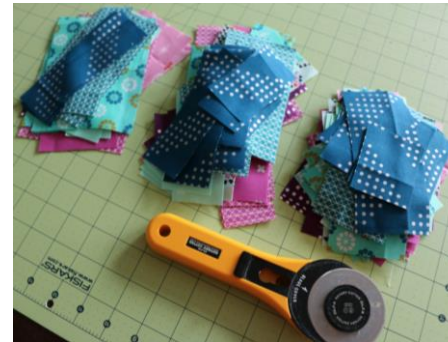
Bringing light and hope to every land and place.

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

God of the Women

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.

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Suggested tune: SLANE ("Be thou my vision")