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.
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

* Call to Worship

What does the Lord require of us?
To seek justice,
to love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.
Who are we called to be?
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others.
Why do we gather for worship?
We gather as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort, and
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Let us worship God together!

* Hymn: "Come in and Sit Down" (VU #395)

Prayer of Approach

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison):
Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.
Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

* Hymn: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" (VU #585)

Wonder Time

Prayer of Illumination: (VU 377)
Holy Spirit shine now, on the book we read.
Light its holy pages, with the truth we need.

Readings:
Matthew 25:14-18
1 Thessalonians: 5:4-11

May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder
As we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: "Living in the World Beyond the Church"

* Hymn: "We Are Pilgrims" (VU #595)

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

Generous Christ, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people. May we find joy not in accumulation, but in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. May all that we offer today become a witness to your abundant grace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

<u>We Go Out to Love and Serve God's World</u>

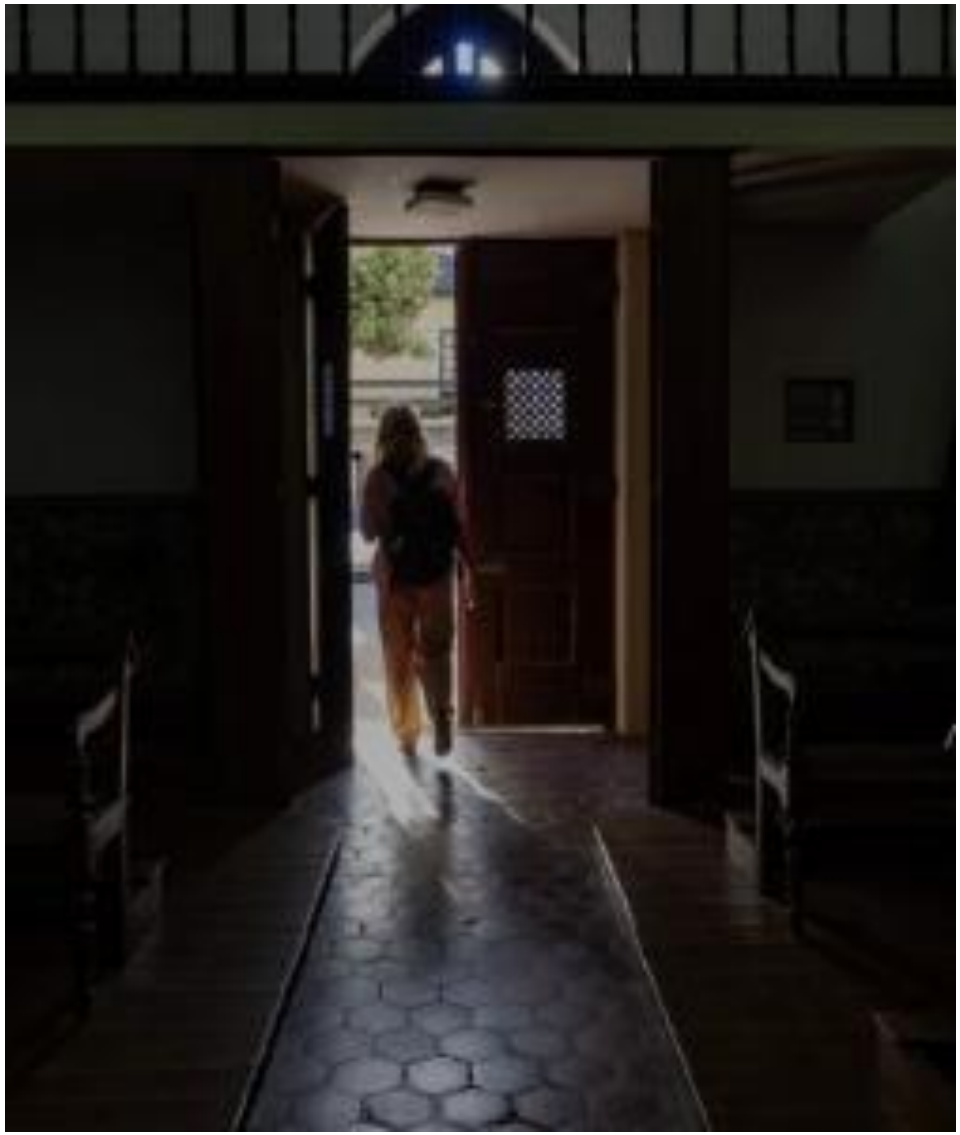
* Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" (VU #626)

* Sending Forth

* Sung Benediction: (MV #209)

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in this world!
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world!

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The United Church of Canada
Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge
Woodland 9:15 am Mount Forest 11:00 am
Rev. Mark Cudney