

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

We Gather to Worship God

*The Lord be with you... **And also with you***

Welcome & 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

We prepare our hearts and minds for worship

with the lighting of the Christ candle.

* Introit: **Oh, A Song Must Rise (MV 142)**

Introduction & Land Acknowledgement

* Recovenanting 2024 (see insert)

* Hymn: **One More Step Along the World I Go (VU 639)**

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination:

**God of extravagant grace,
may your Spirit refresh our hearts
through the reading of the scriptures
that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ
and so grow in our faith toward Jesus. Amen.**

Readings: Romans 12:3-21

Ministry of Music/Choir

Reflection: When You Are Shaking, Hug a Bear

* Hymn: **God of the Sparrow (VU 229)**

We Respond to God's Word

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

Offertory

* Offering Response: **Grant Us God (540 VU)**

**Grant us God the grace of giving,
With a spirit large & free.
That our lives & all our living,
We may offer faithfully.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayers of the People: *With Our Whole Selves*

The Lord's Prayer

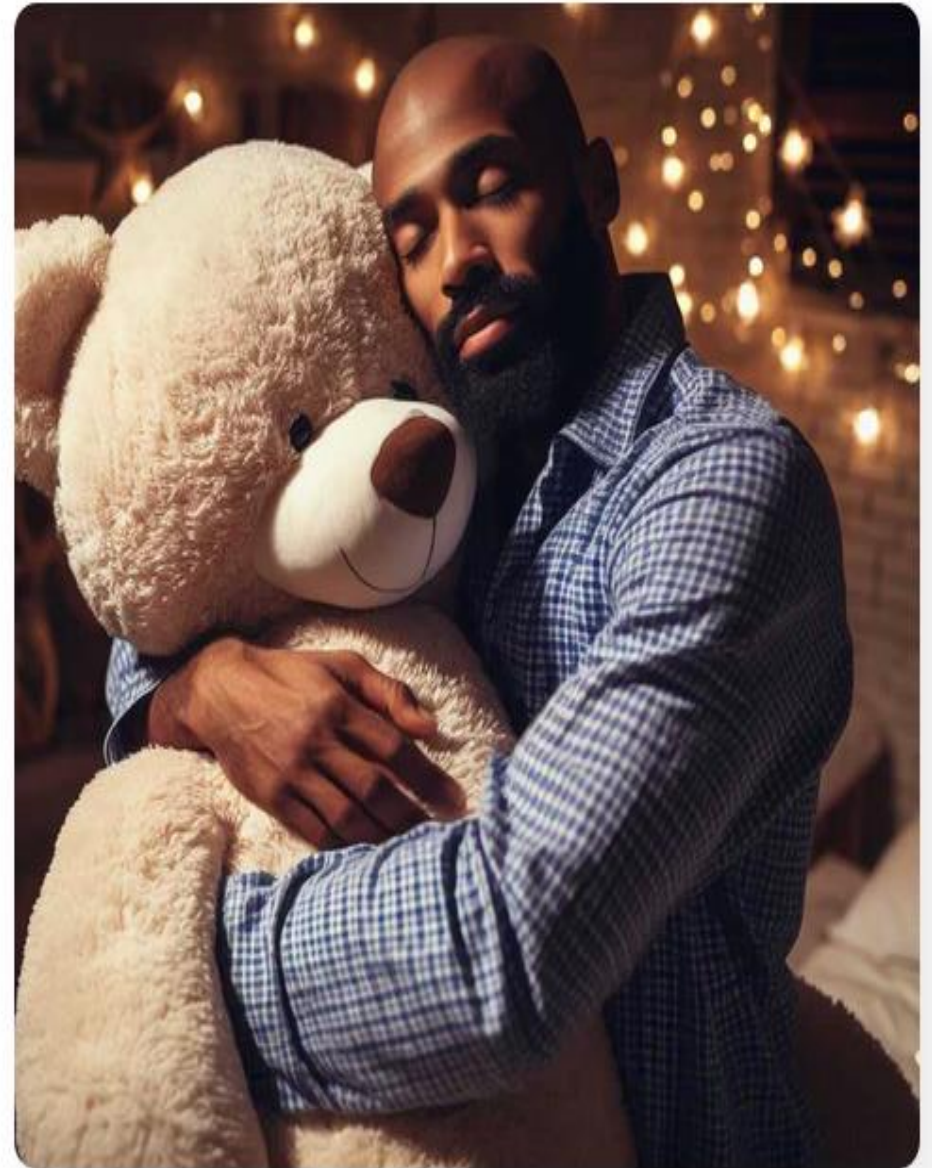
We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

* Hymn: **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (VU 575)**

* Blessing and Sending Forth

* Choral Commission

September 8, 2024



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Rev. Lori Campbell**

Community Recovenanting Fall 2024

Leader: This morning we gather together ... we will share our gifts with one another.

Adults: Although most of us have been coming to church for many years, we know that we can learn more about God and God's love. We want to find out what God wants us to do with our lives. We want to learn how we can follow Jesus more closely. We want to feel the Spirit as it dances and weaves through our lives. Who will help us to do all this?

All: I will. I will be your teacher. I will share what I know about God with you. I will laugh with you and wonder with you. I will sing with you and I will pray with you. I will listen to you and I will be still with you.

Children: We want to hear stories and sing songs and feel welcome. We want to feel God's love. We want to hear about Jesus and how he wants us to live. Who will help us do all this?

All: I will. I will be your teacher. I will share what I know about God with you. I will laugh with you and wonder with you. I will sing with you and I will pray with you. I will listen to you and I will be still with you.

Sunday School Leaders: We have felt God's love in our lives and we want to share this with the children. But we can't do it on our own. We sometimes need people to answer our questions. We need others to share their experience and their understanding of God. And we need you, children, to show us how to see God with new eyes, and love God with new hearts. And we need words and prayers of encouragement. Who will help us with all of this?

All: I will. I will be your teacher. I will share what I know about God with you. I will laugh with you and wonder with you. I will sing with you and I will pray with you. I will listen to you and I will be still with you.

Minister: I'm a learner, too! I need others to share their love of God, their understanding of Jesus, and their delight in the Spirit with me. I need others to answer my questions and to challenge my answers. I need to learn how I can be a better minister and a better follower of Jesus. Who will help me with all of this?

All: I will. I will be your teacher. I will share what I know about God with you. I will laugh with you and wonder with you. I will sing with you and I will pray with you. I will listen to you and I will be still with you.

Music Ministry & Choir:

We have been given the gift of music and we share it with each of you. We need others to help us by singing out, by teaching us new songs and reminding us of old songs. We need the voices, support, and prayers of others as we offer our gifts. Who will help us with this?

All: I will. I will be your teacher. I will share what I know about God with you. I will laugh with you and wonder with you. I will sing with you and I will pray with you. I will listen to you and I will be still with you.

Leader: Each of us is a student...

In the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend. Amen.

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