

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

✝ CLOSING HYMN

THE BLESSING

✝ POSTLUDE

## THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that our church is located on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga. May we continue to live with respect on this land, and to live in peace and friendship with all its people in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

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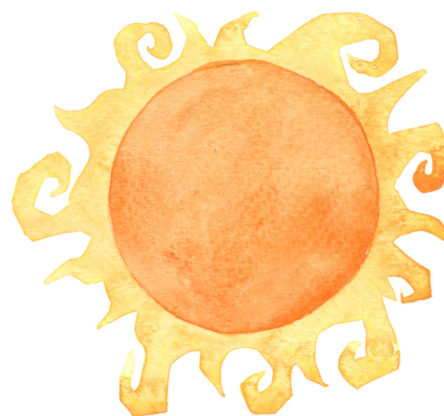
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SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
2026

Music Director:

Alexander Cann

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Kevin Geluch

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Sue Hawthorne-Bate

SUNDAYS 10:30AM



# SUMMER WORSHIP 2026

*All are welcome for lemonade and fellowship after worship!*

† Indicates content located in the weekly insert

## THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

† PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

† OPENING HYMN

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light the Christ Candle, reminding us that God's light shines among us and we are called to carry that light into the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95, v 1-2)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN

CONVERSATION TIME!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find wisdom,  
and in your will discover your peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† THE SCRIPTURES

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

THE REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

† OFFERTORY HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



# LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

- **Mistletoe Bazaar** ~ Start planning! We are going ahead with the Mistletoe Bazaar on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 9am to noon!** Please put this in your calendars now! We will have plenty of cookies and baked goods plus 250ml jam jars. Jars can be dropped off at the church office over the summer (Wed-Fri 9am to 2pm). We will need plenty of volunteers on the day! We are now accepting applications for vendor tables! Email the office or speak with Gwyn. Stay tuned for more updates!
- **Board Games** ~ **Sunday, August 9th.** Come and play your favourite board game or bring your own! You do not need a partner. Entry fee is \$5, children under grade 1 are free!
- **Community Knitting & Crochet** ~ **Saturday, August 15th, 9:30am - 11:30am.** All skill levels welcome! Tea, coffee and snacks provided!
- **Progressive Euchre** ~ **Friday, August 28th,** doors open at 7:00pm, games begin at 7:30pm sharp. No partner needed! Beginners welcome!
- **Summer Holidays** ~ Kevin will be on holidays from Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> returning on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.



## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

*In July and August the Church Office will usually be open  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.*

*Please be sure to submit your church related news for the bulletin or  
newsletter by Wednesday of each week! Thank you!*

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# SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: TABITHA DE BRUIN  
12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Prelude



Opening Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU 271



Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU 374



The Scriptures:

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalm 133 (spoken)

VU 856

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28



The Reflection: Crossing Boundaries



Offertory Hymn:

VU 300, vs 1

**God, whose farm is all creation,  
take the gratitude we give;  
take the finest of our harvest,  
crops we grow that all may live.**



Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686



Postlude

*We always welcome children and understand that they may not  
be quiet during the service. We appreciate their joyful noise and  
are glad that they are here!*

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