



July 26th, 2026

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Text in **bold** indicates speaking in unison.

This symbol ** indicates we will stand if able

Hearing amplification devices available at the sound booth

This service is being livestreamed on YouTube

WE GATHER

Shalom: Let us extend “shalom”– An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, & blessing.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(adapted from: Gathering-Pentecost 1-2020. by Peter Chynoweth, pg. 33. Used with permission.)

One: This candle dances with the presence of God, reminding us of the warmth of this faith community and all faith communities gathering around the world in which God calls all to gather.

All: **May God’s light shine with wisdom, insight, and clarity for us in this time of worship.**

(Lighting of the Christ candle.)

**** Hymn:** “Rise Up, Rise Up” **MV130** (Twice)

Words of Welcome (Adapted from Worship for All Seasons II-Year A. by Jack Griffith, pg.196. Used with permission.)

Call to Worship: (Adapted from Worship for All Seasons II-Year A. by Jack Griffith, pg.196.
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One: We come to give thanks for the Spirit that draws us together:

**All: for the fresh breezes of summer, the rain that nourishes new life,
the warmth of the sun that gives health to our living;**

One: for holidays and holy days, for friends and family, for a world at play;

All: and for the faith that reminds us of the precious quality of life.

One: We celebrate the presence of God in all things

All: Come, let us worship God!

Prayer of Confession (from Prayers For All Seasons-Year A. edited by Ellen Turnbull, pg. 158, Used
with permission.)

We are people of good intentions. We have good intentions to love one another; good intentions to be an authentic community together, to honour our words and promises, and to always honour you. We confess that we have not always lived up to our good intentions. We are broken peoples, and we have broken promises. Forgive us, O God, for the ways in which we have failed one another, and the ways in which we have failed you. (silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Time For The Young & Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Background

Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 26-39 (NRSV), read by Enid DeCoe

Music Ministry: Psalm 23 sung by Teena Daize

Sermon: by Susan Pleasance

****Hymn:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” VU 602

WE RESPOND

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**Loving God, we give these gifts with thankful hearts.
Use them to share your love, your mercy,
and your hope with the world. Amen**

WE PRAY THROUGH WORD AND MUSIC

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (The Lord’s Prayer)

We offer our prayers to the one God, Mother of us all,
as we join in the prayer of Jesus:

Hymn: “Hope of the World” VU 215

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning** (adapted from re-worship.blogspot.com. Proper 12A.)

One: Who can separate us from the love of God? Can troubles or hardships, persecution, hunger, poverty, danger, or even death?

All: **The answer is nothing—absolutely nothing. No matter what comes our way, we have overwhelming victory through Christ who loved us and gave himself for us.**

One: So go into the coming week to love and serve God with hope and joy, confident in the knowledge that God's love and mercy surround you. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you wherever you find yourself this week. Amen.

**** Closing: "When You Walk from Here" VU 298 (Twice)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Vacations

Rev. Ned will be away from July 13th to August 10th.

Kristine will be away from August 16th to Sept 12th.

Pulpit Supply – Summer 2026

Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Norm Seli to the pulpit via video.

Rev. Dan Yourkavitch will lead us in communion.

August Food Drive

We are continuing our food drive collections during the summer. Our food drive on August 4th is for Simcoe Hall Settlement House. See our website or the bulletin board for a list of needed items.

Pastoral Care Notice

During Rev. Ned's vacation, Rev. Mark Sturman from Centennial Albert United Church (CAUC) will be filling in for our pastoral care needs. Mark can be reached at 905-725-8621 or through the CAUC office at cent.albert.uc@gmail.com.

Upcoming Faith Events

August 20: St. Jacob's Bus Trip **SOLD OUT**

September 20: M&S Mini Bake Sale

September 26: Jazz Dinner Show

October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch

October 24: Wartime Radio Show

November 1: Pumpkin Parade

November 7: Faith Christmas Bazaar

December 17-19: Christmas Show

New Members Class- Fall 2026

Several people have expressed interest in joining the church as members. This fall we are planning to offer a new members class for people to get to know one another, learn about the ethos of the United Church of Canada, and of Faith United Church. This class is not a requirement for joining Faith United and you can take the class even if you decide you aren't ready to join. If you are interested in this class, or in becoming a member, please contact the office.

Next Week's Scripture Reading

The reader for August 2nd is Kristine Dandavino, who is reading Genesis 32:22-31 and Matthew 14: 13-21 (NRSV).

Name Tag Cupboard

Our Name Tag Cupboard has been refreshed and reorganized: all the Joyful Noise name tags are now together in the right-hand cupboard.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Northminster United Church – Peterborough, ON

As an act of respect and reconciliation we at Faith United acknowledge that our church is on the unceded land of the (Ah-nish-nah-bay) Anishinaabe, the (HO-den-o-SHO-nee) Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. We are treaty people living in the region of the Williams Treaty.

This Week at Faith United

Monday July 27	
Tuesday July 28	Gardeners: 9am Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am
Wednesday July 29	
Thursday July 30	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am
Friday July 31	
Saturday August 1	
Sunday August 2	Pulpit Supply: Rev. Norm Seli Communion with Rev. Dan Yourkevitch Worship (S): 10:30 am Private Rental (S) – 7pm

Faith United is a scent-free environment.

Our accessible washroom is on the main floor.
Other washrooms are available in the Sun Room.
Please share your bulletins, then recycle them.

Licensed Lay Worship Leader: Susan Pleasance
Worship Host: Dave Hubbell
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Doug Snell B.A, M.Div
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Faith United Mission Statement

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore, we will:

strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's gifts, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance may be.

seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;

risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;

be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;

encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

Let our actions reflect our faith.

We Are Glad You Are Here! ~ Guest Information

Name(s):_____

Email:_____

Address:_____Ph:_____

Postal Code:_____How Did You Find Us?_____

My Household Includes: Child ☐ Youth ☐ Adult ☐ Senior ☐

I'm Interested In: ☐ Learning more about Faith

☐ Envelopes/PAR information

☐ Becoming a member

☐ Baptism

Comments:_____

Y N I wish to receive email updates from Faith United Church.

Please circle one.