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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: In Times of Struggle, Jesus Christ Is the Light of the World by Jessica Knoyle in *Gathering Worship* <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/times-struggle-jesus-christ-light-world>; with words added from Faith United Church's Mission Statement)

One: In times of struggle,
All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

One: In times of wonder,
All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

One: In times of joy and sadness, harmony and discord or peace and anxiousness,
All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

One: In this time and place, here and now, and in all the days of our lives,

All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

One: As we continue our journey of “seeking to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer,”; let the light of this Christ candle remind us of who we are and whose we are: struggling, wondering, and anxiously anticipating people of the Way.

****Hymn:** Will You Come and Follow Me VU567 (v 1, 4)

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship: (*Gathering Worship*, Beth W Johnston, Collaborative Ministry, River Philip and Springhill, N.S.)

One: Like the peoples long ago, we are journeying in stages.

All: Our lives unfold, not all at once but piece by piece.

One: Sometimes the forward movement is small.

Sometimes we may feel we are being called to take enormous leaps in faith.

All: On all days of the journey, we can know that God is with us.

One: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer (*Adaptation of A Prayer for the Journey, VU 648 By Janet Cawley, 1996*),

One: God of the Way,

All: You are the road we travel, and the sign we follow.

You are the one who sustains us as we journey

One: God of the Way,

All: Guide us as we follow in your way, holding on to each other, reaching out to your beloved world.

One: God of the Way

All: And when we stray, seek us out and find us, set our feet on the path again, and lead us safely home

One: In the name of Jesus our Companion, we pray. Amen

****Hymn:** Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

Young and Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 13-18; 25-32 (NRSVUE)
Beth MacEwan

Music Ministry

A Time of Sharing: Reflections from our Journeys

Prayer of Illumination

Speaker: Teena Daize (in person)
Hymn: Walk with Me VU 649 chorus & v1

Speaker: Stanley Zhou (video)
Hymn: Walk with Me VU 649 chorus & V2

Speaker: Pat Long (in person)
Hymn: Walk with Me VU 649 chorus & v3

Speaker: Sam Vinith (video)
Hymn: Walk with Me VU 649 chorus & v4

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.**

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:

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning**

**** Closing Hymn:** Wherever You May Go: MV 216, chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Vacations

Kristine will be away from August 16th to Sept 12th.
Joanne will be away from August 24th to August 28th.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Bancroft Pastoral Charge – Bancroft, ON

Upcoming Faith Events

August 20: St. Jacob's Bus Trip
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

New Members Class- Fall 2026

This fall we are offering 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; you can take it even if you decide you aren't ready to join. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Next Week's Scripture Reading

The reader for August 23RD is Kathleen Pearce, who is reading Matthew 16: 13-20.

Euchre Notice

Please be advised that there is NO euchre during the month of August.

Notice

The flooring in the Sun Room is being replaced the week of August 24 – 28. No activities will be scheduled that week; the room will be emptied the week of August 17 – 21.

Faith United is a scent-free environment.

Our accessible washroom is on the main floor.
Please share your bulletins, then recycle them.

This Week at Faith United

Monday August 17	
Tuesday August 18	Gardeners:9am Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am
Wednesday August 19	
Thursday August 20	Bus Trip 8am-6pm Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am Clarrington Quilt Guild: 1-3pm
Friday August 21	
Saturday August 22	Private Rental (S): 9am – 5pm
Sunday August 23	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Private Rental (S): 7pm

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.

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We're Glad You're 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. Please circle one.