



August 23rd, 2026

11th 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

One: If we didn't light the Christ Candle.

All: God would still be with us.

One: If we couldn't sing a single hymn.

All: God would still be with us.

One: If we didn't offer any prayers.

All: God would still be with us.

One: Even if we didn't extend peace and love to one another.

All: God would still be with us.

One: God isn't with us in our worship because of the candles, or the hymns, or the prayers, or even the sermon. God is always with us. We just need help to notice. And so we light this candle as a reminder of God's presence. We raise our voices in song and

prayer because we are moved to worship God. And we extend peace and love to one another remembering who first loved us.

All: God is always with us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**** Hymn: “We are One” VU402**

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

(Paraphrase of the Faith United Church Mission Statement)

One: We are moved to come together.

All: We come together to create space where people experience welcome, acceptance, and love.

One: We come together and share.

All: We share good news. We share wisdom. We share our hopes and fears. And in our sharing we grow as followers of Jesus.

One: We come together in response to God’s call.

All: God calls on us to love others, ourselves, and our world.

One: And so we encourage one another.

All: In the life of the church and beyond, may our actions reflect our faith.

Opening Prayer

(From Celebrate God’s Presence. A Book of Services for the United Church of Canada. © 2000)

Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and

purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray in Jesus' name, our Source and Saviour. Amen.

****Hymn: "Take O Take Me as I Am" MV85 (sung 3 times)**

Time For The Young & Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20 (NRSVUE),
Kathleen Pearce

Music Ministry: "Be Not Afraid"

Sermon: 'Vantage Point'

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**

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

Buckhorn Pastoral Charge – Wesley & Curve Lake, ON

Upcoming Faith Events

September 17: Choir Re-starts
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 6: Faith Christmas Concert

Next Week's Scripture Reading

The reader for August 23RD is Carolyn Boyd, who is reading Matthew 16: 21-28.

Thank You!

Our thanks go to Amanda de Boer, our guest musician these last two weeks. Thank you for sharing your gifts of ministry with us.

Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed next week. Phone calls and emails will be answered in priority sequence starting Monday August 31st. Thank you.

Construction Notices

Electrical & HVAC work is planned for Wednesday August 26 & Thursday August 27th; the power will be off at various times. If possible, plan a visit to the church on an alternate day.

The flooring in the Sun Room is being replaced the week of August 24 – 28; the room and the two washrooms will be unavailable during this time.

Faith Journey Meeting

Members of this committee, including TOTS, Joyful Noise, Nursery, Learning Calendar, Youth Group leaders, and Family Fun Night, will meet in the Living Room on Wednesday August 26th at 1.30pm. Contact Enid for more details.

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 August 24	
Tuesday August 25	Gardeners: 9am
Wednesday August 26	
Thursday August 27	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am
Friday August 28	
Saturday August 29	
Sunday August 30	Hybrid 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.

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Worship Host: Dave Hubbell
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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.

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