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September 6, 2026
1st Sunday of the Season of Creation

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

****Hymn: “Called by Earth and Sky” MV 135** (Chorus, v. 1, chorus)

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer: (Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry. <https://www.youtube.com/@burningbushecomministry>.
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One: Creator God, you invite us to begin with wonder, finding moments of awe in the minute and the majestic.

All: We love rainbows, cardinals, and sunsets, the bright colours of maple leaves and goldenrod.

One: Move us to a deeper awareness that can celebrate the world's decaying leaves, broken spider webs, and algae-covered muck. Move us to a braver love that can embrace the world's hurting, and our earth kin's suffering.

All: Keep our hearts present, as they beat in pain. Keep our minds focused, as they grow in wisdom. Keep our actions meaningful, as the loving, challenging actions of Jesus were, and call us to be.

One: May it be so.

All: Amen.

****Hymn: "All Creatures of our God and King: VU 217 v. 1, 3, 4**

Time for Young and Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-11, Matthew 18: 15-20

Read by Enid DeCoe

Music Ministry: "Family of Faith" (Valerie MacKenzie), Sung by the Faith Virtual Choir 2020

Sermon: "What's Holding Us Back"

WE RESPOND

****Hymn: "God of the Sparrow" VU 229**

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offertory Prayer (unison)

As we offer these gifts, may they allow the rest and renewal of many on this earth. Amen.

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

Communion Prayers (Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry.

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One: Beauty surrounds us in the vibrant feathers of the bluebird and the wings of migrating monarchs. We give thanks.

All: for the beauty of Creation.

One: Worms and grubs wriggle beneath rocks. We give thanks.

All: for the messiness of Creation.

One: Mist continues to disperse in the morning sun. We give thanks

All: for the mystery of Creation.

One: Moved by beauty, messiness, and mystery.

All: we bring thanksgiving, hope, and commitment.

One: Together let us offer our thanks to Creator God....In gratitude for God's abundant love, we join together in the Song of Creation:

****Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" MV 203**

One: May our lives proclaim the mystery of faith:

****Hymn: "Memorial Acclamation" MV 204**

One: ...for all these blessings and many more, we praise you.

****Hymn: "Great Amen" MV 205**

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** (Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry.

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One: We do not need to be held back by guilt, judgment, scarcity, or nostalgia.

All We can choose to live with forgiveness, compassion, abundance, and new life.

One: So whatever you do or do not do, wherever you go or do not go, wherever your heart calls you to embody God's love in this world that God so loves, remember: God is with you, now and always. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Vacations

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

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Kedron United Church, Oshawa

Upcoming Faith Events

September 16: Curve Lake Powwow

September 17: Choir Re-starts

September 20: M&S Mini Bake Sale

September 26: Jazz Night

October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch

October 23 & 24: Wartime Radio Show

November 1: Pumpkin Parade

November 7: Faith UCW Christmas Bazaar

December 6: Christmas Concert

Program Calendar – Fall 2026

The Program Calendar team has been meeting and planning a variety of activities, for learning and for fun, for the fall season. Watch for more details next week!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

Sept 13th Jonah 3: 10-4: 11

Sept 20th Exodus 16: 2-15

Sept 27th Exodus 17: 1-7

Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labour Day holiday.

Thank You!

Our thanks go to Time Southwell, our guest musician. Thank you for sharing your gifts of ministry with us.

September Food Drive – September 8th

For the Back Door Mission. See our website or the bulleting board for a list of needed items.

Curve Lake 72nd Powwow – September 19th

See the Programme Calendar for more information and sign up in the atrium.

This Week at Faith United

Monday September 7	Labour Day – Office is closed today
Tuesday September 8	Food Drive: Back Door Mission Gardeners 9am Quilting & Knitters (SR) 9:30am Happy Harmony Choir (SR) 7pm Council Meeting (LR) 7pm
Wednesday September 9	Community Care Lunch 12pm
Thursday September 10	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am
Friday September 4	
Saturday September 5	Funeral Service: Margaret Lacey
Sunday September 6	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:

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