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2nd 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

Call to Worship

One: The sky is brilliant with the countless stars of night and bright with the sun’s warming light in day, we give thanks

All: for the beauty of Creation.

One: Some plants in the garden flourish, while others begin to fade as the season changes, we give thanks

All: for the messiness of Creation.

One: Birds sing hidden by countless leaves, we give thanks
All: for the mystery of Creation.

One: Moved by beauty, messiness, and mystery,
All: we bring thanksgiving, hope, and commitment.
One: Let us worship Creator God together.

****Hymn: “Come, Let Us sing” VU 222**

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer: (Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry. <https://www.youtube.com/@burningbushecoministry>.
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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 appreciate the gentle rain that nourishes the earth. We cherish the feeling of a soft summer breeze that carries the smell of flowers. We love the vibrant colours of blue skies, green plants, and reflective waters.

One: Move us to a deeper awareness that can celebrate the world’s smallest creatures that we dismiss as pests, in the drab grey of a sudden drenching rainfall, or in the animals that we prefer to see at a distance who also make their homes in our cities, towns, and communities. 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: “This is God’s Wondrous World” VU 296**

Time for Young and Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Read by Gwen Bevan

Music Ministry: Prelude BMV 870 by J.S. Bach
Piano: Kristine Dandavino

Sermon: “What’s Pushing You Forward?”

WE RESPOND

****Hymn: “I Feel the Winds of God” VU 625**

Life and Work of the Congregation

Minute for Mission

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**As we offer these gifts, may they allow the rest and renewal of many on this earth.
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** (Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry.

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One: We are not alone. We live in God’s world

All **Our rest helps the earth to rest. Our love makes a difference.**

One: The future does not depend on every choice we make,

All: **and our choices offer life and hope in ways we cannot fully perceive.**

One: The earth and her creatures inspire us,

All: **and all of creation has intrinsic worth without any relation to human beings.**

One: We connect with God’s divine love when we care about our kin.

All: **Creation belongs to God. I belong to God. You belong to God. We are not along. We live in God’s world. Thanks be to God.**

**** Closing Hymn “Wherever You May Go” MV 216, chorus**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Faith Events

September 16: Curve Lake Powwow
September 17: Choir Re-starts
September 20: Welcome Back Sunday
September 20: M&S Mini Bake Sale
September 26: Jazz Night
October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch
October 24: Wartime Radio Show
November 1: Pumpkin Parade
November 7: Faith UCW Christmas Bazaar
November 12: Shopping Bus Tour
December 6: Christmas Concert

Program Calendar – Fall 2026

The Program Calendar is out now. There are a limited number of printed brochures for those people who do not have access to email. The sign-up sheets are the table in the atrium. We encourage you to sign up quickly for some of the activities because it takes several weeks for the book orders to come in. Check out everything on offer and get your name on the list!

Curve Lake 72nd Powwow – September 19th

A carpool sign-up sheet is on the atrium table or email office@faithunited.ca. Please confirm if you are willing to drive. Arrive in the parking lot by 9:30am; leave at 10am. Cost: Age 60+ and children under 5 are free; Age 13-59 is \$10, Age 6-12 is \$5. More details in the Programme Calendar.

Thanks for the Prayers & Please Keep them Coming

Sandy Allin wants everyone to know she deeply appreciates the prayers and well wished. It has been a blessing as she continues her health journey.

Welcome Back Sunday

On Sunday September 20th Joyful Noise will be restarting. We will be celebrating with a potluck lunch in the sanctuary after the service, and outdoor activities with water balloons, sack races, and face painting.

November Bus Trip – A Shopping Adventure!

Thursday, November 12th – reserve your ticket for a country experience, with stops in Campbellford, Stirling, and close to Belleville. Stop in at Empire Cheese, Steadman's, Trent Hill Mercantile & Hardware, Dooher's Bakery, and Tast of Country. Bus leaves at 8am; tickets are \$100. See Linda or Beth for more details.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

Sept 20th: Exodus 16: 2-15

Sept 27th: Exodus 17: 1-7

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

St Matthew's United Church – Belleville O

This Week at Faith United

Monday September 14	Euchre (S): 1-4 pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6:30 pm The Porch Light RE-STARTS (LR): 6:30 pm
Tuesday September 15	Gardeners: 9 am Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30 am TOTS RE-START (LR): 10 am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7 pm
Wednesday September 16	UCW Meeting (SR): 1 pm Wartime Radio Show Rehearsal (S) 6:30 pm
Thursday September 17	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30 am Craft Group: 10 am Clarington Quilt Guild (S): 1 pm Choir RE-STARTS (S): 7 pm Durham Storytellers (LR): 7 pm
Friday September 18	
Saturday September 19	
Sunday September 20	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Welcome Back Sunday M&S Mini-Bake Sale 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.

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

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