



September 20th, 2026

3rd Sunday of 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:

(Written by Éric Hébert-Daly, Executive Minister, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2026, page 26. Used with permission.)

One: We discover the signs of God all around us.

All: **We pay attention.**

One: Through the voice of others, through the movement of Creation,

All: **God still speaks!**

One: God’s voice can be ignored but it cannot be silenced.

All: **May we listen for these voices as they speak to us today,**

One: in this place, in our community, and throughout the world.

All: **We listen! We attend!**

**** Hymn: “O God Our Help in Ages Past” VU 806**

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

(Written by Jim McKean, Orillia, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2026, page 31. Used with permission. Adapted by Rev. Ned Wells)

One: On this, our Welcome Back Sunday, we celebrate

All: **We come with memories of times past, of celebrations, and moments of learning. We come together with excitement for the future of our congregation and readiness to share love and peace to all.**

One: We pray that our hearts will be open to the Holy Spirit,

All: **We pray that our Welcome Back Sunday will be a day for offering hospitality, gratitude, and renewal.**

One: We give thanks for volunteers and leaders in our community who make days like today joyful and meaningful.

All: **May our time together inspire us. Amen.**

****Hymn:** "We Are One"

VU 402 v.1,2,4

Time For The Young & Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16: 2-15, Read by Beth MacEwan

Music Ministry: "Here I am to Worship" by T. Hughes

Sermon: "How Can we Move Forward?"

WE RESPOND

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:

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 GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning**

*(Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry. drawing on language from A New Creed.
www.youtube.com/@burningbushecoministry Used with permission.)*

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 alone. We live in God's world. Thanks be to God.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Faith Events

September 20: M&S Mini Bake Sale
September 22: Junior Youth Group Re-starts
September 27: Senior Youth Group Re-starts
October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch
September 27: Orange Shirt Sunday
October 24: Wartime Radio Show
November 1: Pumpkin Parade
November 7: Faith Christmas Bazaar
November 12: Shopping Bus Tour
December 6: Faith Christmas Concert
January 3: Hockey Fundraiser

Welcome Back Sunday – TODAY!

Today we celebrate the start of our fall programs, specifically the re-start of our Sunday School program, which we call Joyful Noise. We will be celebrating with a potluck lunch in the sanctuary after the service, along with outdoor activities including water balloons, sack races, face painting, and a butterfly release thanks to Sheila & Jim Ellis. Everyone is welcome to join in the meal and the games, even if you are a visitor!

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 Taste of Country. Bus departs at 8am; tickets are \$100. See Linda or Beth for more details.

Faith United Church Hockey Night Fundraiser

Save the date! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday January 3rd, 2027, as we watch the Oshawa Generals vs the Barrie Colts. The puck drops at 2:05pm! Tickets go on sale after church on Sunday October 4th; see Elleena Keating for more details.

Family Fun Night – September 25th

Family Fun Night is back on the menu! Join us for games and a light meal as we come together with the community in a relaxed setting. Chef Danny Bathgate will release his menu next week; stay tuned for the details.

Guest Preacher

On October 4th we will have a guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers (reading TBD)

Upcoming Scripture Readings

Sept 27th: Exodus 17: 1-7, read by Erica Roth

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Moscow & Riverside United Churches – Yarker, 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 September 21	Sparks (S): 6pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6.30pm The Porch Light Bible Study (LR): 6.30pm
Tuesday September 22	Gardeners:9am Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9.30am TOTS (LR): 10am Wartime Radio Music Rehearsal (S): 2.30pm Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday September 23	Junior Youth Group (S): 6.30pm
Thursday September 24	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am Choir (S): 7pm
Friday September 25	Family Fun Night RE-STARTS (S): 5pm
Saturday September 26	Jazz Night (S): 7pm
Sunday September 27	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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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:_____

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