



September 27th, 2026

4th Sunday of Season of Creation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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 Tony Tuck, First U.C., Mount Pearly, Nfld. And Lab. **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2026, page 26. Used with permission.)

One: Let us marvel at the wondrous things God has done!

All: Praise God who created our world out of a formless void.

One: Let us marvel at the wondrous things God has done!

All: Praise God who created all the animals and plants, bird and fish, all living things.

One: Let us marvel at the wondrous things God has done!

All: Praise God who has created us in the divine image and gave us responsibility as caretakers of this wonderful Creation.

One: Let us marvel at the wondrous things God has done!

All: Praise God, for God is good! We marvel at the wondrous things God has done!

One: Let us always remember this and always take time to reflect on this, especially now as we gather on this Sabbath day.

**** Hymn: “Deep in Our Hearts” MV 154**

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

(Written by Robert Patridge, Red Lake Anglican United Church Shared Ministry, Red Lake, Ont. **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2026, page 31. Used with permission.)

One: God of the Sabbath-rest, we come this morning delighting in your good, good Creation. You have provided all that the world needs and a pattern for living respectfully in Creation. You give a command to work six days and rest for one. Be with us and in us this hour so that we may understand what it means to respect the Sabbath-rest.

All: May we go from this place refreshed and encouraged to intentionally enter into the Sabbath-rest on a regular basis, for the sake of the planet as well as our own sake. In the name of Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath, amen.

****Hymn: “Like a Rock”**

MV 92

Time For The Young & Young at Heart

(A moment for reconciliation with Kristine Dandavino)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7, read by Elizabeth Valliant

Music Ministry: “I Will Hold Your Hand” by R. E. Schram

Sermon: “Watershed Moment”

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)

(Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry www.youtube.com/@burningbushecoministry Used with permission.)

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

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle
Trenton United Church – Trenton, ON

Upcoming Faith Events

October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch

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

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 today; see Elleena Keating for more details.

Learning Event with Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers

Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers was ordained in 2015 in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She has spent the past two decades working with children, particularly those on the fringes of society in the United States, Guatemala, and Canada. She started The Children's Garden Collective in 2022 and eventually renamed it Rooted: Centre for Theology and Eco-Justice, in the hopes of bridging the gaps in food security in our cities and teaching children about the benefits of sustainable gardening and Earth care in a theologically grounded manner. Konnie's PhD research considered how congregations can use gardening as a spiritual practice to bolster resilience in children who face eco-anxiety. Konnie also teaches as a Sessional Professor at Knox College—University of Toronto and Vancouver School of Theology in the areas of human development, psycho-spiritual care, ministry, and eco-theology.

Preaching: Sunday, October 4th

Q&A Session: Wednesday, October 7th on Zoom

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	NO Euchre Sparks (S): 6pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6.30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> Bible Study (LR): 6.30pm
Tuesday September 22	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9.30am TOTS (LR): 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday September 23	Offices are CLOSED for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Wartime Radio Music Rehearsal (S): 6.30pm
Thursday September 24	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am M&S Meeting (LR): 1pm Choir (S): 7pm
Friday September 25	
Saturday September 26	
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.

Minister: Rev. Ned Wells
Worship Host: Ruth Goodfellow
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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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