



**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Season of Creation**

**World Communion Sunday**

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 Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, Alta. **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2026, page 40. Used with permission.)

One: What is the Body of Christ?

**All: We are the Body of Christ.**

One: What does the body consist of?

**All: People worldwide who keep faith in the Good News of Christ Jesus.**

One: Why are we here today?

**All: We gather to worship and give thanks to the One who calls us here and lights our way.**

One: Come, let us gather in the light of Christ to worship as the Body of Christ!

**\*\* Hymn: “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” VU 559**

## Words of Welcome

### Opening Prayer

(Written by Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont. **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2026, page 41. Used with permission.)

**One:** Our presence here this morning is an act of commitment to the communion of faith.

**All:** **Thank you, God, for your eternal love that draws us to you and each other.**

**One:** Our openness to your word is an act of faith.

**All:** **Help us grow together in understanding and compassion, in mercy and love, as part of the worldwide community of Christ.**

**One:** Our involvement in this time together is an act of worship.

**All:** **Accept our praise today, the songs from our hearts and the psalms of our lives. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 25: 31-40, read by Diane McMahon

**\*\*Hymn:** "All Who Hunger"

**VU 460**

### **WE GATHER AT THE TABLE**

*Children are invited to make their way to Joyful Noise following communion.*

### **Great Thanksgiving Prayer:**

**One:** God be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift our hearts in prayer.**

**One:** Let us give thanks to God.

**All:** **It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

One: ...we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:  
All: **Holy, Holy, Holy God, power of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna through the ages! Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!**

One: ...together we proclaim the mystery of our faith  
All: **Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**  
One: ... let the people say Amen.  
All: **Amen.**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Music Ministry:** "His Provision" by I. Bosanko

**Sermon:** Message from Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers

### **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.**

**\*\*Hymn:** “We Shall Go Out with Hope” VU 586

**WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

**\*\* Benediction & Commissioning**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Faith Events**

October 7: Q&A with Dr. Rev. Connie Vissers

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: Faith Hockey Fundraiser

**November Bus Trip – A Shopping Adventure!**

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

**Faith United Church Hockey Night Fundraiser**

Save the date! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2027, as we watch the Oshawa Generals vs the Barrie Colts. The puck drops at 2:05pm! Tickets will be sold by Elleena Keating today after church in the atrium.

## **M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch**

Our annual Soup & Sandwich fundraiser is on October 18th; all proceeds benefit Mission & Service. Gail Scott is selling tickets after church today in the atrium.

## **Food Drive**

Our Food Drive on October 6th will be for Simcoe Hall Settlement House, 9am – 1pm; see the poster on our website or on the bulletin board for items needed.

## **East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle**

Frankford-Batawa United Church – Frankford, ON

## **Q&A with Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers – October 7th**

Join us via Zoom as Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers answers any questions we may have after listening to her sermon, which will focus on presence and attentiveness towards God and creation. Join from your home via the Zoom link which will be sent out on Wednesday or come to the church and gather with others in the Living Room and join the Zoom call from there. This is a Learning Calendar event and everyone is welcome to attend.

**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

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| Monday<br>October 5    | NTW: Book Study (LR): 1pm<br>Sparks (S): 6pm<br>Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6.30pm<br>The Porch <i>Light</i> Bible Study (LR): 6.30pm<br>Wartime Radio Show: Music Rehearsal (S): 7pm |
| Tuesday<br>October 6   | <b>Food Drive: Simcoe Hall Settlement House:<br/>9am</b><br>Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9.30am<br>TOTS (LR): 10am<br>Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm                                   |
| Wednesday<br>October 7 | <b>Q&amp;A with Rev. Dr. Connie Vissers (LR): 7-<br/>8.30pm via Zoom</b>                                                                                                           |
| Thursday<br>October 8  | Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am<br>Craft Group: 10am<br>Choir (S): 7pm                                                                                                                |
| Friday<br>October 9    |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Saturday<br>October 10 |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sunday<br>October 11   | Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am<br>Private Rental (LR): 3pm<br>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  
Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers  
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am – 4pm

**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.

Please circle one.