

Applewood United Church
An Affirming Community
Sunday, August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering: "Sunday Morning Suite" (*Frank Mills*)

Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

*** Call to Worship:**

People of noble hearts, virtuous, caring, and thoughtful, who do what's right without thinking,
such people are blessings from God, to whom we give thanks.

People of broken spirit, deeply flawed, selfish or foolish, who cause pain without thinking, these
too can be a blessing from God, unknown vehicles of grace, vehicles for the Spirit's
work.

We ourselves are a mixture, both flawed and virtuous, turned to God sometimes, sometimes
turned away.

And so we pray:

O God, bless us and shape us.

Use us for the making of your reign in this your beloved world.

Let us be the Neighbor you envision us to be.

Bless us as we gather.

Bless us as we worship.

In Christ and through Christ. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn:** "There is Room for All" MV 62 (2x)

***Opening Prayer:** *(responsive)*

One: This is where we long to be, O God:

All: praising you in the company of your faithful people.

One: This is what we need to hear, O God:

All: your timeless Word carefully read, fearlessly proclaimed.

One: This is how we are called to live, O God:

All: in the Way of Jesus, your Chosen One.

One: These are the ones we are challenged to serve, O God:

**All: men, women, and children, abused and despised,
denied justice and peace by the powerful ones. Amen.**

Musical Response: "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" MV 171

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 32:22-31 The Inclusive Bible (Sophie Cook)

Matthew 14:13-21 The Inclusive Bible (Sophie Cook)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Music: "I Have Seen With My Own Eyes" *(Ken Dosso)*

Reflection: "Cooking with the help of God"

***Hymn:** "For the Crowd of Thousands" VU 355

Invitation to the Offering:

Whatever our gifts—a loaf of bread, a tiny coin, a mighty blessing, or an amazing talent—each gift matters. Whatever our gifts, our gifts become miracles when we share them with God and with God's people. The offering will now be received.

Offering of Music: "There's Enough for All" TLUS 60 (Choir and Congregation)

***Hymn of Dedication:** "Know That God is Good" MV 104

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,
know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

*** Offering Prayer:** *(together)*

**All: God of abundance, help us to spend these gifts wisely, share our love bravely and use
our hands, our gifts, our resources, for the good of all. Amen**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

***Closing Hymn:** "Grateful" MV 182

***Commissioning/Benediction:**

Let us return to the world
Using the loaves and the fish God has given us
to sow the seeds of goodness
To plant the crop to fill all the needs we are presented with.
to allow us to quench the thirst of this community with the living water.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship with the Holy Spirit be with you all,
Today and every day.
Amen.

***Sung Amen:** "Great Amen" MV 208

Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen!

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