

Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, February 1, 2026
4th Sunday After Epiphany with Communion
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgement 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.

Centering Music: "Be Still and Know" MV 77

Call to Worship:

Preach in all you do

and if necessary

use words – sparingly.

Jeff Shrowder, 2026

* Opening Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts" MV 12

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation

Musical response: "Be Still and Know" MV 77

**Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God. (2x)**

Scripture readings:

Micah 6:1-8 (*Inclusive Bible - Debbie McIntosh*)

Psalm 15 with refrain VU 736 - (*Debbie McIntosh*)

Matthew 5:1-12 (*NRSVUE - Rev. Alison*)

One: For the word of God in Scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God

Musical Interlude: "When the Wind of Winter Blows" (Warm the Time of Winter)

Reflection: "Blessing"

*Hymn: "Amen, Amen, It Shall Be So" MV 112

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music

* Hymn of Dedication: "What Can I Do?" MV 191

* Offering Prayer (*together*)

All: Gracious and loving God, source of all justice and hope, we ask now that you bless our gifts and those given through PAR and online, so that our actions and your purpose are one. Thanks be to you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "We Will Take What You Offer" MV 196

Sacrament of Communion

One: God be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts to you,

One: Let us give thanks to God.

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

One: Holy God of light and love, by the light of your promise

You guide your people across the desert and through the night,

In the light of your presence we behold your glory and offer you our gifts.

Through the light of your peace you claim us as your beloved, and joy is our banquet.

We give you thanks that you make manifest your glory: lighting the way for every

pilgrim, gifting the earth with the Prince of Peace, setting a table for all your hunger.

And so it is that we sing your praise:

All: (sung) MV 203

Loving God, Holy One, we offer your praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup, because in Jesus Christ, your only son, you have joined yourself forever to us, uniting heaven and earth. Now, therefore, we gratefully remember: Jesus' birth into our humanity, baptism for our sin, compassion for our suffering, intimacy with our frailty, rebuke of our pride, bearing of the cross with its death, and rising from the tomb by the power of God.

On the night before he died, it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat, whenever you do this, remember me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "this is the new covenant, remember me." Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: (sung) MV 204

Send O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup; may be the body of Christ: light, life and love in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

With Jesus we pray together, saying...

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

One: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Jesus Christ the True Vine.
Friends, Jesus invites us to share in this joyful feast!

All: Thanks be to God

Great Amen MV 205

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

(please come forward to receive the elements – you may wish to respond to the words "Jesus Christ the True Vine" and "Jesus Christ the Bread of Life" with the words "amen" or "thanks be to God" If you are worshipping with us on ZOOM, now would be the time to consume your bread and juice.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, may your gifts of love transform and enliven us that we may live lives of thanksgiving. May your presence among us provoke such longing of your realm, that we will

never be satisfied until the whole earth knows your justice, your peace, and your love. In Christ's name, we pray.

* Closing Hymn: "Be Still and Know" MV 77

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* Commissioning/Benediction

* Choral Amen

Music for Scattering