Applewood United Church
An Affirming Community
Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
***Bold** words are for all to share*

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgment (silent)
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.

Words of Welcome

Centering Music: "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" MV 18

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn:** "For All the Saints" VU 705 (v. 1, 3 & 6)
For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as a sign to show the presence of the spirit within this sanctuary. It is known as "Ner Tomid," the eternal light of the world; that shines for everyone, no matter where we are, no matter who we are.

All: At this time of pressing need throughout the world, we reach out to the light to guide us and keep us. May this time of thoughtfulness help us to be a wise and understanding people, eager to live as brothers and sisters in creation, making a difference in this world.

Lighting the Candle of Peace.

One: We light this candle for peace, and as we do so we pray:
for all victims of violence
for marginalized people,
for those who have been bullied, brutalized and cast aside on
the refuse pile of everyday life.

All: Let us pray for tolerance and peace, justice and forgiveness, right relations and reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours so that we may find lasting solutions to prejudice, bigotry and bias, hate, terrorism and crime.

Time with the young at heart

Hymn: "Halle! Halle! Halle!" VU 958

"All Saints Day" Blessing of the saints.

Opening Prayer of Confession

One: Loving and Holy Mystery, as the angels and all the saints gather before your throne to proclaim praise and glory, so too, we gather here, in this place of sanctuary and love to worship.

All: Stir us, O God, to enthusiastically seek, your living presence in this time we have set aside. Grant us grace to follow those who have gone before us in lives of faith and commitment, that we, with them, may know the inexpressible joys of love that knows no bounds. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Love Us into Fullness" MV 81

Readings from the Historical Record: *(The Inclusive Bible)*

Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 2:1-4
Psalm 119 VU 840 (part four/with refrain 4)
Luke 19:1-10

One: For the word of God in scripture, among us, and within us.
All: Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music: "When Jesus Sets the Table"

Thoughts for Living: "Don't just do something, stand there!"

Time of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music: "Come and Rest in the Arms of God"

Offertory Response: (Tune - Tallis Canon)
Praise God who calls all humankind,
Praise Christ for loving ties that bind;
Praise spirit making all things new:
One love, one Good, we honour you!
Words, Mary Luti

Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn: "We Come to this Table"
(Tune - We Gather Together)
We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving,
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.
We hear Jesus' welcome- inviting forgiving;
We know your spirits peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.
The bread and the cup that we share here with others
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your son.
Words, Rev. Carolyn Gillette, used with permission.

Invitation

Thanksgiving
One: We marvel at the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of colour and culture, sexual orientation and diversity of gender yet called into oneness-of-being united with our indigenous sisters and brothers worldwide… through the invitation of the itinerant Rabbi we follow.

All: With one voice, we honour you saying: Holy, Holy, Holy mystery, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the most high. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer *(spoken)*
…Bless us and be ever present to as we pray and say the words our Saviour taught us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of this Church (announcements)

***Closing Hymn:** "When the Saints Go Marching In"
Oh, when the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when the sun refused to shine
When that sun refused to shine
Oh, I wanna be in that number
When the sun refused to shine

Now when that horn begins to blow
When that trumpet begins to blow
Oh I know I want to be in that number,
When that horns begin to blow

Oh, when they march around the throne
When they march around the throne,
I Want to be in that number
When they march around the throne

Yeah, when they crown Him Lord of all
When they crown Him Lord of all
Lord I want to be in that number
When they crown Him Lord of all…Yeah

***Commissioning**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Next Sunday,
Sunday Nov. 8. 2026
Annual Service of Remembrance