

**Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, November 2, 2025
Sacrament of 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: “Holy Sacred Spirit” MV 15

*** Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: (*responsive*)**

One: Come on down, says Jesus to Zacchaeus.

All: Come on down, says God to us today.

One: Come and encounter Jesus, come and be fed.

All: We come to celebrate God’s presence with us.

One: Come with joy, come with wonder, come with your hungers, come with your willingness to change.

All: We come ready to learn, ready to be transformed, ready to praise.

One: Come and rejoice, come and pray, come and ponder, come and question.

All: We are here – ready to worship.

One: Let’s pray together:

**All: God of the heights and the depths,
throughout time you have called your people
to come to you and to follow your Way.
Guide us to hear you calling our names,**

guide us to answer as we can.

Help us to come down from all the places that keep us distant from you and from one another,

so that we can help to build a world that knows you,

knows your love and justice,

knows your forgiveness and grace.

We pray in the name of the One who both calls and answers, Jesus.

Amen

*** Opening Hymn:** "Creator God You Gave Us Life" MV 27

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation:

Prayer for All Saints Day *adapted from Thom Shuman*

Musical response: "There is Room for All" MV 62

Scripture readings:

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

Luke 19:1–10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection: "There is Room for All" MV 62

Reflection: Watchtowers and Sycamore trees

*** Hymn:** "I Saw the Rich Ones" MV 127

A time for Stewardship

Offering of Music

*** Hymn of Dedication:** "Behold, Behold" MV 115

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

All: As we offer our gifts today,
remind us that others rely on us and what we give
to bring them hope,

to bring them comfort,
to see your love in our actions.
May our gifts, and our lives, be blessed and transformed by your grace this day and
always.
Amen

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*** Closing Hymn:** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" VU 481

*** Commissioning/Benediction**

*** Sung Amen:** "Grand Amen" TLUS 15

Music for Scattering