

Applewood United Church
An Affirming Community
Sunday, October 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Sunday
Three Sisters Service
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering: "Andante" (*San Saens*)

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgment

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: "Prayer" (*Kreutzer*)

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU 516

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,

here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Lighting of the Candle of Understanding & Compassion

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Time with the young at heart

Indigenous moment:

Corn husk/Harvest Masks. The Three Sisters. Corn, Bean, Squash.

Prayer of Confession:

One: Loving Creator, we asked for strength and you gave us
difficulties to make us strong.

All: We asked for wisdom and you gave us problems to solve.

One: We asked for prosperity and you gave us purpose and brains to use.

All: We asked for courage and you gave us fears to overcome.

One: We asked for patience and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

All: We asked for love and you gave us troubled people to help.

One: We asked for peace in the world and you gave us the opportunity to become peacemakers in our time.

All: We asked for plenty and you gave us the hungry to feed

One: We asked for intelligence and understanding and you gave us problems to solve.

All: We asked for soothing for our angst when the going gets tough and you gave us the ability to relax and think.

One: We asked for justice and you called us to be just, and to lead with integrity.

All: Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.

(Time for silent reflection)

Words of Assurance

***Hymn:** "Ten Who Suffered Sought Out Jesus" (Tune – Beach Spring)

Ten who suffered sought out Jesus when they saw him travelling through:

"Jesus, Master, show your mercy! Hear our cry, we beg of you!"

When he saw them, Jesus answered, "Find the priests. See what they say."

As they did what Jesus told them, Ten found healing on the way.

Ten were healed, and saw the wonder! Nine kept going, homeward bound.

Only one- despised by others- took the time to turn around.

Finding Jesus, he sang praises, he said "Thank you!" on that day.

Jesus said, "Your faith has healed you, but the others -- where are they?"

Where are we, O God of mercy? For your grace has blessed us, too.

We've been given life abundant, offered healing, made us new.

Like the nine are we distracted by our homes, our angst and play?

Or do we return and thank you; taking time to humbly pray?

(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

Readings from the Historic Record

First Testament Reading Isaiah 12:1-6

On that day Israel will say:

"I praise you, YHWH!

Yes, you were angry with me,

but your anger has abated

And now you are a comfort to me.

"You are my deliverer, O God!

I trust you, and am no longer afraid you—

you are my strength and my refuge.

You are my deliverer.”
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And on that day, you will say:
“Give thanks to the YHWH,
Make known among all the peoples what YHWH has done.
Proclaim that God’s name is exalted!
“Sing praises to YHWH, for God has triumphed.
Let this be made known throughout the world!.
Cry out, shout aloud, you who dwell in Zion,
for the Holy One of Israel dwells among us in majesty.”

Psalm 100

Acclaim YHWH with joy, all the earth!
Serve the YHWH with gladness!
Enter into God’s presence with a joyful song!
Know that YHWH, is God!
YHWH made us, and we belong to the creator;
we are God’s people,
and the sheep of God’s pasture.
Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,
and the courts with praise!
Give thanks to God!
Bless God’s name!
For the YHWH is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever,
and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. As Jesus entered a village, ten people with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, rabbi have mercy on us!’
When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they were going, they were healed.
One of them, realizing what had happened, came back, praising God with a loud voice. He fell down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. This individual was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, ‘Were not all ten made whole? But the other nine, where are they? Did none of them return and give thanks except this foreigner?’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has saved you.’

One: For the word of God in scripture, among us, and within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir: “Come with Thanksgiving” (*Larson*)

Thoughts for Living: “Thanks, eh”

***Hymn:** “For the Fruit of All Creation” VU 227

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music: “Jesus Is My Hope” (*Sawyer*)

***Offertory Response:** (Tune – Tallis Cannon)

Good Giver of the gifts we give;

Creator of the life we live;

Delight that gladdens all our days;

To you, our endless thanks and praise.

(Mary Luti)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

We give thanks this day as we join in gratitude to **sing** our community prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer: (*sung*) “Our Father in Heaven” VU 960

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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of this Church (announcements)

***Closing Hymn:** “I Sing the Mighty Power” VU 231

I sing the mighty power of God

that made the mountains rise,

that spread the flowing seas abroad,

and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained

the sun to rule the day;

the moon shines full at God's command

and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the One
who filled the earth with food;
who formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
O God, your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn my eye;
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be,
you, God, are present there.

***Commissioning/Benediction**

*Amen: "Amen – Danish" VU 967
Amen, amen, amen.

Music for Scattering: "Fanfare" (*Mouret*)