

Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday
(* please stand in body or in spirit)
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering: “Lord Be Glorified/As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus”

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: “Lord Prepare Me” MV 18

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

One: This is the day that God has made,
All: this is the day we gather as God’s people.
One: This is the day for prayer and praise,
All: this is the day for community worship.
One: This is the time for searching and learning,
All: this is the time for finding and sharing.
One: This is the time to lift our voices and our hearts,
All: this is the time to lift our lives to God.
One: Let’s pray together:
All: Knowing and loving God,
we come to worship today with our own needs,
our own fears, our own joys, our own worries.
You see into each heart and each mind,
you know our gifts and our challenges.
In your knowing, God, send your Spirit
to lead us to places of wholeness

where we can respect and accept each other
and ourselves, as you have accepted us.
Lead us to find deep connection with you,
and with the cosmos you have created,
so that we can choose paths that bring
hope and justice to all people and places.
We pray remembering all that Jesus taught us.
Amen

*** Opening Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU 374

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation: "Be Children of God"

Musical response: "I Am A Child of God" MV 157 verses 1 and 2

Scripture readings:

Psalm 65 *The Inclusive Bible*

Luke 18:9-14 *The Inclusive Bible*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir: "Ancient Words"

Reflection: Praying like we mean it

*** Hymn:** "Shadow and Substance" MV 44

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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

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

We bring our gifts to you, God.

Here is the work of our hands,

and here is the love of our hearts.

Accept them, bless and use them,

in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

One: God, hear our prayers.

Sung response: "May We but Wait" MV 175

The Lord's Prayer – A Paraphrase (*said*) VU 916

* **Closing Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU 424

* **Commissioning/Benediction**

* **Sung Amen**

Music for Scattering: "Seasons of Life" *Mark Hayes*