

**Applewood United Church**  
**An Affirming Community**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2026**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
*(\*please stand in body or in spirit)*  
***Bold words are for all to share***

**Music for Gathering:** “Jesus is All the World to Me, One Bread, One Body”

**Territorial Acknowledgment 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.

**Welcome**

**Centering Music:** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” VU 400

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “O God We Sing and Celebrate” (Tune Ellacombe)

**Lighting of the Christ Candle of Understanding & Compassion**

**Lighting the Candle of Peace**

**Time with the young (at heart)**

**\*Hymn:** “All the Colours of the Rainbow” (tune Abbott’s Leigh)

**Prayer of Confession**

One: To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray: Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace.

**All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

One: God of Justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness.

**All: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.**

One: God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart.

**All: God, we yearn for the peace you promise and submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(Time for silent reflection)*

### **Words of Assurance**

**Choir:** "Come in to the Presence" (*Judith Snowden*)

**Scripture Readings:** (*Inclusive Bible*)

**Ecclesiastes 11:1-6**

**Luke 17:5-10**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Thoughts For Living Meditation:** "Tell Me the Stories?..."

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering of Music:** "The Lord Is My Strength and Song" (*Pat Mayberry*)

**Hymn of Dedication:** (tune St. Anne)

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

**\*Hymn:** "We Come to this Table."

### **Invitation**

### **Thanksgiving**

One: Loving and gracious entity who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. The diversity of our planet amazes us; from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of North America to the vast outback of Australia we give you thanks. 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**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving/ Lord's Prayer**

...Bless us and be ever present to us 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 and Work of the Church/Announcements**

**\*Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" VU 331  
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,  
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

**\*Commissioning/Benediction**

**Music for Scattering:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (*John Rutter*)

Next week:

October 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Sunday

Indigenous "Three Sisters" Sunday

Luke 17: 11-19

Thoughts for Living- "Thanks, eh"