

Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday
(* please stand in body or in spirit)
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering: "Goodness of God"

Territorial Acknowledgement and Announcements

Centering Music: "Where Two or Three Are Gathered" MV 14

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

One: Today we gather with members of our faith family of Applewood United Church.

All: We come from our homes to sit in pews, we come on our computer screens and telephones to draw together in Jesus' name.

One: Today, we share solidarity with Christians around the globe in the celebration of World Communion Sunday.

All: We are united as we share cup and bread, even across the distances of space, or theology, or practice.

One: Today, we remember the One who joins us in bonds of faith.

All: With our siblings around the world we remember Jesus as we share nourishment at his table - his life, his love, his sacrifice.

One: Let us pray together as one global Christian family:

All: Creating and Loving God,
we are grateful for all things that bring us together as church – bible stories and sacraments, justice seeking and community building, shared meals and lives. We thank you for the churches and the people of Africa and Australia, the cathedrals and worshipers of Europe, the gathering houses and prayer makers of South Asia, people who worship in small spaces and grand ones, followers of the faith in cities and in rural places, and our own denomination and its members.
Send your Spirit to help us to continue to seek understanding and common ground with all those who follow your Way of light, love and hope. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen

*** Opening Hymn:** "I Come with Joy" VU 477

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation: From St. Francis

Musical response: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" VU 684 verse 1 only

Scripture readings:

2 Timothy 1:1-7, 13-14 *The Inclusive Bible*

Luke 17:5-10 *The Inclusive Bible*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Reflection: "Redeemer of My Heart"

Reflection: Courage and Mustard Seeds

*** Hymn:** "For Everyone Born" TLUS 23

Time for Creation

Offering of Music: "Cross and Circle"

*** Hymn of Dedication:** "For the Gift of Creation" VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

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

All: **Take our gifts to sustain your justice, compassion and love in the world, God. Take our hands to further the teachings of Jesus. Take our hearts to nourish and protect creation as the Body of Christ, living and growing. Amen.**

Sacrament of Communion

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) VU 960

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

*(please come forward to receive the elements – you may wish to respond to the words “Jesus Christ the True Vine” and “Jesus Christ the Bread of Life” with the words “**amen**” or “**thanks be to God**”)*

Prayer after Communion

All: Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ’s body, live his
 risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
 we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Amen

*** Closing Hymn:** “Go Make a Diff’rence” MV 209

*** Commissioning/Benediction**

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

Music for Scattering