Merging Waters United Church

Thanksgiving Sunday

"ATTITUDE FOR GRATITUDE"

Creation Time 5

Sunday Morning Worship October 12, 2025

WELCOME / BIENVENUE

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome.	Toutes et tous sont bienvenus, peu importe l'âge, l'identité ou les conditions de vie.
Wherever you are, whoever you are, we welcome you in love and community to worship.	Peu importe où que vous soyez, qui que vous soyez, nous vous accueillons dans l'amour et la communauté pour louer Dieu ensembles.
Wherever we are, we're close in one another's hearts.	Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance.

Please join in the responses in **bold text.** Veuillez-vous joindre aux réponses en **texte gras.**

Keep our worship scent-free! To help fellow worshippers with chemical sensitivities, please do not wear perfume or scented products (lotion, hair spray) if attending in person.

Veillez à ce que notre culte soit exempt d'odeurs ! Pour aider les fidèles souffrant de sensibilités chimiques, nous vous demandons de ne pas porter de parfum ou de produits parfumés (lotion, laque) si vous assistez au culte en personne.

To protect personal privacy, please do not take photos or videos without authorization.

Pour protéger la vie privée, ne prenez pas de photos ou de vidéos sans autorisation.

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

GATHERING

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY & THE THANKSGIVING ADDRESS

We acknowledge with deep respect the land on which Merging Waters gathers, a place that has been home to human activity for over 15,000 years.
We honor the Indigenous peoples who have cared for this land for generations.
This land is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat , Anishinaabeg and Kanien'kehá:ka Peoples.
We give thanks for their stewardship and presence on this land.
We recognize the ongoing impacts of colonialism and the harm caused to Indigenous communities.
We commit ourselves to the work of truth, reconciliation, and justice.
May we listen, learn, and act in solidarity with Indigenous peoples, building relationships rooted in respect and accountability.
Together, we walk toward healing, justice, and reconciliation.
Let us remember that reconciliation is not just about words, but about actions that honor the sovereignty and dignity of all peoples.
May we faithfully and gratefully engage in this journey, with humility and love.

The Gathering 2025- Pentecost 2

OUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE (LIGHT A CANDLE)

GATHERING SONG — Now Thank We All Our God

Melody by Johann Cruger 1547, lyrics by Martin Rinckart 1636, arrangement by Michael Woytiuk

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

In a world where there is a lot of noise and full of distraction, and wanting of our attention
We focus on our breath…. Let us Breathe in a deep breath…… and breathe out… again one more time.
Silence for a few seconds
We focus on the love our creator holds for us,
Now we come to together to worship and praise with intention and joyful song
Worship God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Worship God with a song.

GATHERING PRAYER

God, Creator, Mother Earth, Gardner, Planter, life sustainer, we gather today to worship and praise you with gladness and come before you with joyful songs. We acknowledge that you are the creator, and it is you who has made us and not we ourselves. We thank You for your steadfast love, which is eternal, and for Your faithfulness that endures through all generations. Your goodness fills the earth, and we are recipients of Your abundant grace. Help us to live with a spirit of gratitude, giving thanks to you, and all your creation. May our lives always reflect Your love and Your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen

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GATHERING HYMN: MV # 185 Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my God, today! (Repeat stanza)

You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door that I might see,
you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me,
blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my God*, today! (Repeat stanza)

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

ATTITUDE FOR GRATITUDE PART 1

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD Psalm 100 VU# 822

Make A Joyful Noise

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Know that your God has made you.

Know it's to God we belong.

And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.

Worship your God with a song!

Enter these gates, thanks giving.

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.

Worship your God with a song!

Ages through endless ages,

seasons of endless years,

the love of our Maker ever shall endure.

Worship your God with a song!

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ATTITUDE FOR GRATITUDE PART 2

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SONG Thanksgiving Sunday
Michael Wotiuk

ATTITUDE FOR GRATITUDE PART 3

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING HYMN TLUS#60 There's Enough for All

There's enough for all if we would learn to share it,
there's enough for all oh, help us to believe.
There's enough for all.
Let's bring our loaves and fishes, and share them just like Jesus.
There's more than enough for you and me.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, you have called us friends and named us partners in your work of Creation. Accept the gifts we bring and bless them for your use, that they may reveal to others our posture of gratitude and the depth of your love for all people and for Creation itself. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, giver of all good,
you continually pour your benefits upon us.
Age after age the living wait upon you and find
that your faithfulness has no end,
that your care is unfailing.
We praise you that the mystery of life
is a mystery of infinite goodness.
We praise you
for the order and constancy of nature;
for the beauty and bounty of the earth;
for day and night, summer and winter,
seedtime and harvest;
for the varied gifts of loveliness which every season brings.
We give you thanks
for all the comfort and joy of life,
for our homes, for our friends,
and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people.
In this time we also give thanks to you, O God of compassion to be with people in all places needing your care.
We also pray for those in our community:

We lift these prayers to you for your care and our commitment to compassion.
Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING HYMN MV # 182

Grateful

Refrain:
Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
over all, 0 God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.

1. You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living God.
Even when we doubt your presence
you are faithful to your Word. R

2. May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name. R

"SOCK"TOBER

BLESSING & SENDING

Let us go from here rejoicing with thankful hearts for all we have received and done during this time together.
May we go as faithful followers of Jesus, willing and eager to love and serve others.

*Gathering 2025- Pentecost 2 -**Dora White,** Minnedosa U.C., Minnedosa, Man.*

SENDING SONG

For the Autumn Sky
Words and music by Ruth Schram

Thank you for joining in worship today ❤️

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

October 12	Thanksgiving Please bring donations of colourful socks for SOCKtober! (You'll see!) Please also bring nonperishable food items!
October 19	World Food Sunday Led by Outreach AND Spare Parts
October 26	Celebration of our Affirming status! Special guests Sweets after worship
November 2	All Saints Intercultural #12