

Covenant

The United Church of Canada
230 Eighth Ave Timmins, ON
a safe place for all people to worship
Ministers: the people

23 June 2019

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Acknowledgement of Land
(An act towards reconciliation)

Gathering

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION *The gong is sounded three times*

*Please stand as you are able
Welcome and Announcements

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ABIDE WITH ME **VU 436**

CALL TO WORSHIP

At your word, O Lord, the worlds were created, and by your word new life is given. Open now our ears that We may hear your special word spoken to us today. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE *The candle is lit*

The Christ candle is lit.
We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's spirit.
**The Christ candle is lit. We come to worship
and to honour all that we share as a
people searching for the truth.**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Creator God, we join together in person and in spirit to worship you. As your Spirit works through us and moves forward with us, may we celebrate your presence with us and open our hearts to receive your blessings upon us. We now pray together as we are taught by Jesus saying...

HYMN: SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART

MV 79

RESPONSIVE READINGS

Psalm 42

Anthem

Scripture Reading: **Jeremiah 18:1-11**

SERMON: "The Potter's Hands"

Affirming of Faith – A New Creed

(found on the back cover of Bulletin)

HYMN: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

VU 288

OFFERINGS INVITATION

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. Even as God has abundantly blessed us with good things, let us bless others through gifts that show we care.

Gathering Offering

**HYMN OF DEDICATION:
WE GIVE YOU BUT YOUR OWN**

VU 542

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, use our offerings of money, time and talents to enliven your church, to endear ten a world prone to discouragement, to enable a spreading of the love of Christ.

May all our gifts and giving be acceptable in your sight. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PARTING WORDS

CLOSING HYMN: WHEREVER YOU MAY GO **MV 216**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: go into the days ahead with strength in the spirit and confidence in Christ

ALL: We are one in Christ.

One: grow within these days to rely on the love of Christ and the fellowship of faith,

ALL: We are one in Christ.

One: peace be within us and among us.,

ALL: We are one in Christ. AMEN

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Born and raised in Timmins. Attended University of Western Ontario in London after high school (TH&VS) earned a B.Sc. Married to Lynda and have three sons. Worked in London until we moved to Aylmer and became heavily involved with activities in Aylmer including being on Aylmer Town Council for 24 years.



My involvement with church activities and understanding that started in Timmins through the United Church continued and grew in the years we lived in London before moving to Aylmer. I was encouraged to become more committed in my faith journey and became a licensed Lay Preacher. This led me into a decision to learn and do more

and I made the decision to go after further education and enrolled at the Huron College seminary in London, where I graduated with an M.Div. During my full time studies I was hired as a part time interim minister with the St. Thomas Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). After graduation I was ordained with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the USA and Canada. As well I then became the full time Minister in the St Thomas church until my retirement. I still provide pulpit relief and guest preaching.