

Nashwaaksis United Church

Sunday, October 26, 2025 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Say Yes!: Embodying Holy presence

Liturgical Colour: Green

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Acknowledgement of Place

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit: *Lord Prepare me* MV 18

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Celebrations & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

We gather in this sacred space, built with care and prayer.

**Yet it is not the walls that make it holy, it is the presence of
God among us.**

We come, hearts open, ready to listen, ready to learn, ready to love.

**For God dwells wherever hearts are open and lives are turned
toward grace.**

Come, builders of hope and bearers of light.

**We come to worship the One who makes all things holy, even
us.**

Centering Prayer

Hymn: *Let us Build a House* MV 1

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer for Guidance (Responsive):

Holy Builder of our lives, You invite us to be Your dwelling place.

**Yet we often forget. We treat Your presence as something
distant, rather than within us.**

You call us to be living temples of Your love.

**Yet too often we close our doors to those who need shelter,
grace, or welcome.**

You ask us to carry Your presence beyond these walls.

Yet we are quick to return to what feels safe and familiar.

Shape us anew, O God. Teach us to open our hearts to your presence.

**Let Your Spirit rebuild us - stone by stone, act by act - until
Your love dwells fully in us.**

For we long to be not only builders for You, but bearers of You.

**Guide our hands, our hearts, our lives, that we may say "yes"
to Your holy presence within and among us.**

Remembering The Promise

Proclaiming Our Faith: *A New Creed* VU 918

Ministry of Music: *Beyond the Beauty and the Awe* MV 80

Time for the Young & Young At Heart

Scripture Reading:

John 2:19-21

1 Kings 8:1-13, 27

This is the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible* VU 264

Message: *Embodying Holy Presence*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *The Church is Wherever* VU 579

How Can I Give?

- 1) If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to Nashwaaksis United Church by sending the funds to donations@nashwaaksisunited.ca.
- 2) You can go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Nashwaaksis United Church. We are the first one on the list when searching for Nashwaaksis United Church. You can confirm it is us by checking the address.
- 3) You can reach out to Matthew and sign up for a or increase your pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can make changes to this at any time, just reach out to Matthew. His email is in today's announcements sheet.
- 4) Lastly you can give here in person by dropping your donation into the offering plate at the doors when you come in or when you leave following the worship. And if you don't have an envelope, some have been placed in the pews for your convenience.

Dedication Verse: *In Gratitude* *VU 544*

**In gratitude and humble Trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Generous God, You have made Your home among us, and every good thing we have is a sign of Your presence. We bring our gifts - money, time, and care - not simply to sustain a building, but to strengthen the living temple of Your love. May what we offer today become light for those in darkness, hope for the weary, and shelter for hearts in need. Take our gifts, O God, and take our lives. Build in us a dwelling place of compassion and grace, so that everywhere we go, Your holy presence will be known. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *God be With you Till we Meet Again VU 422*

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

We have met God in this house of worship, but God does not stay here.

The Holy Presence moves with us, into streets, homes, and hearts.

Go, then, as living temples, each breath a prayer, each act a stone of love.

We will be the dwelling place of God's compassion in the world.

Go in peace, and say “yes” to being God’s presence wherever you go.
we go in peace, carrying the Holy Presence within us.

Benediction

Choral Closing: *Go Make A Diff'rence MV 209 (R, v2, R)*

Refrain:

Go make a dff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need

The face of God for all to see

We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace

Go make a diff'ence in the world. R

Closing Music