Nashwaaksis United Church

November 1, 2026 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour: *Green*
Presider: *Rev. Richard Bowley*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude
Acknowledgement of Place
Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit: *Teach me God* *VU 299 (vs 4)*

Teach me God to know you, hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour when we meet.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

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):
God, who called an entire nation
to a time of desert wandering,
while they worked out the full meaning
of being people of God,
still calls people to follow in faith into the risk of new challenges and the promise of new possibilities.
Today, this community hears and responds to such a call.
Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: *I can feel you near me God* *MV 48*

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive):
Lord, we have lived as unwise people.
God, forgive us for wasting precious time.
We have been foolish.
Jesus, forgive us for not understanding your will.
We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness.
Holy Spirit, forgive us for not being filled with you.
Holy God, Wholly Mystery, we have forsaken your spiritual food.
God of Grace, Lord of all Wisdom, forgive us for not drawing our strength from your bread of heaven.
Almighty God, please add to your mighty deeds by forgiving our transgressions, both those things we have done, and those we have left undone.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Love

Proclaiming Our Faith Together: *A New Creed* *VU 918*

Ministry of Music: *Our Father* *TLUS 70*

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Readings:
Matt 6:9-13
1 Kings 3:4-15

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message *Gifts of God, Blessings of the Spirit*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *Beyond the Beauty and the Awe* *MV 80*

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 Judy 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 the office.
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: *Sing Thanks (X2)* *TLUS 58*

Sing thanks to our God. Sing thanks to our God.
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Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Redeeming Lord, we continually seek your comfortable refuge. You deliver us from our fears and provide us with miraculous examples of your love. In response, we offer our gifts. We pray that what we bring will provide a support that warms people with your amazing love. As a church community, we exalt and praise your holy name. AMEN

Intro to Prayer: *Open Our Hearts* *MV 21*

Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Go forth into the world trusting with your hearts the wisdom God bestows upon all who seek to follow God's way of Love.

When we are called to lead, we strive to do so with humility and confidence in God.

Be in this world a sign of Jesus' presence.

We seek to share compassion with all whom we encounter.

Live wisely in God's name, and glorify God in all you do.

And may the grace, mercy, and wisdom of God be our support, guidance and strength from this day forward and for ever more.

Benediction

Choral Closing: *Walk with me* *VU 649 (vs 4)*

Refrain:
Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

And when you share your faith with me and work for life need new,
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you. R

Closing Music