



## **HOLY TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

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### **Order of Worship**

**Season of Creation: Humanity Sunday  
[Proper 19 (24)]**

**Sunday, September 19th, 2021**

### **Welcome**

*A warm welcome is extended to all this morning, especially those who are worshipping at Holy Trinity for the first time. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.*

*We invite you into this place and time of acceptance and light, to worship and know you are beloved and held in the divine embrace, just as you are.*



**\*\*Entry of Legion Members, to mark the beginning of Legion Week\*\***



**WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

*For thousands of years First nations people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the lands represented in the Robinson-Huron Treaty 61 of 1850, the Traditional Territory of the Serpent River and Mississagi people and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.*

**Call to Worship**

Praise for tree, star, and ocean,

**God's creation!**

Praise for child, teen, adult, and elder.

**God's creation!**

Praise for sun, snow, and rain.

**God's creation!**

Praise for creatures finned, winged, and hoofed.

**God's creation!**

Praise for cell, molecule, and atom.

**Praise for all of God's creation.**

Let us worship God!

**Prayer of Approach**

## Hymn: We Praise You, O God

VU # 218

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

### **Prayer of Confession**

We are joined to every grain of sand:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every shining leaf:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every drop of rain:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every creature's breath:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every beam of light:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every particle of creation.

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

... We may know this, and yet,

**We confess our arrogance, ignorance, and greed in how we  
treat Creation...**

(Silence for individual reflection.)

## Assurance of Pardon

### Sharing Peace With One Another



### Hymn: Never Ending Joy MV # 40

***Refrain:***

***Never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy  
never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy!***

God of every tribe, every language, God of every river and sea,  
God of every mountain and island, you bring joy to me: **R**

God of every hill, every valley, God of every leaf, every tree,  
God of every cloud, every raindrop, you bring joy to me: **R**

God of every song, every story, God of every captive set free,  
God of every dance, every footstep, you bring joy to me: **R**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD SPOKEN TO US

### First Reading: Genesis 1:26-28 (The Message)

<sup>26-28</sup> God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature  
So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,  
the birds in the air, the cattle,  
And, yes, Earth itself,  
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."  
God created human beings;  
he created them godlike,  
Reflecting God's nature.  
He created them male and female.  
God blessed them:  
"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!  
Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,  
for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

### Responsive Psalm: Psalm 8

*VU # 732*

#### ***Refrain:***

***O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!***

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!  
From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.  
**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger. *R***

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,  
**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,  
mere human beings that you should care for us? *R***

You have made us less than divine,  
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,  
and put all things under our feet,  
all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,  
the birds of the air and the fish of the sea,  
and all that make their way through the waters**        *R*

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-8 (NIV)**

Imitating Christ's Humility

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

**5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

**6** Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

**7** rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

**8** And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

**Gospel: Mark 10: 41-45 (NRSV)**

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

**Sermon: Hooray for You!**

**Musical Meditation: God Weeps (sung by Ann Foy)**

**MV # 78**

God weeps

at love withheld,  
at strength misused,  
at children's innocence abused,  
and till we change the way we love, God weeps.

God bleeds

at anger's fist,  
at trust betrayed,  
at women battered and afraid,  
and till we change the way we win, God bleeds.

God cries

at hungry mouths,  
at running sores,  
at creatures dying without cause,  
and till we change the way we care, God cries.



God waits  
for stones to melt,  
for peace to seed,  
for hearts to hold each other's need,  
and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**





**Hymn: I Am A Child of God**

**MV # 157**

1) I am a child of God,  
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.  
I am a child of God,  
I am a child of God.

2) I am an endless prayer,  
I am a yearning for contemplation,  
I am an endless prayer,  
I am an endless prayer.

3) I am an angry voice,  
I am compassion and consternation,  
I am an angry voice,  
I am an angry voice.

4) I am a cry for peace,  
I am commitment and dedication,  
I am a cry for peace,  
I am a cry for peace.

5) I am a song of joy,  
I am the moment of jubilation,  
I am a song of joy,  
I am a song of joy.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH THE SERVICE OF OUR LIVES**

**Minute for Mission**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory Prayer**

## **Hymn: Deep In Our Hearts**

**MV # 154**

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

### **Choral Benediction: When You Walk from Here**

**VU # 298**

When you walk from here  
When you walk from here  
Walk with justice  
Walk with mercy  
And with God's humble Care