



## **HOLY TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

**Minister:** Rev. Cory Vermeer-Cuthbert

**Music Director:** Ann Foy

### **Order of Worship**

**Sky Sunday & Orange Shirt Sunday  
Creation III**

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.*



# 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

Through sun and shadow,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through torrent and thunder,  
**God's love will remain**  
Through fog and flurries,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through breeze and bluster,  
**God's love will remain**  
Through cloudless and clear,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through rain and rainbow,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through all that life brings,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Come, let us worship God.

### Prayer of Approach

## **Hymn: We Praise You for the Sun**

**VU # 225**

We praise you for the sun, the golden shining sun, that gives us healing, strength, and joy; we praise you for the sun.

We praise you for the rain, the softly falling rain, that gives us healing, strength, and joy; we praise you for the rain.

We praise you for your love, your patient, endless love, that gives us healing, strength, and joy; we praise you for your love.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, life is complicated and challenging. You call us to be our fullest and best selves, and yet often we settle for less. Time and again, you invite us back to your heart. Time and again, you welcome us with open arms. Gather us in today, as we meet in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*(Gathering, Pentecost 1, Year B. Bob Root, p. 46, Used with Permission.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Learning Together**



**Song: "215"**  
**Sung by Ann Foy**

I am not Indigenous, but I am a mother.  
I am not Ojibwe, but I count you as my sisters and brothers.  
I am not an expert in the Anishinabek way,  
But I feel the universe is calling out to say...

**215's not just a number that you divide or multiply.  
It is written on our hearts, hear the tiny voices cry.  
215 your suffering is shared, as the truth unfolds.  
You're no longer just a number, and your story will be told!**

Search the ground, don't stop now, find the truth and share it.  
Bring justice to these children, finally, and make sure you don't spare it.  
Each child will have a voice, and we must listen with intent,  
To those who time will not forget, 215 is our lament.

You can't say you didn't know, now that the truth is in plain sight.  
Children buried in the snow, by evil in the name of Christ.  
We must face the truth now though, hard as it may seem.  
We must face it for the sake of 215.

*(Words and Music by Lois Jones, 2021)*

**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: Jeremiah 4:23-28 (New English Translation)**

<sup>23</sup> I looked at the land and saw that it was an empty wasteland.  
I looked up at the sky, and its light had vanished.

<sup>24</sup> I looked at the mountains and saw that they were shaking.  
All the hills were swaying back and forth!

<sup>25</sup> I looked and saw that there were no more people  
and that all the birds in the sky had flown away.

<sup>26</sup> I looked and saw that the fruitful land had become a desert  
and that all the cities had been laid in ruins.

The LORD had brought this all about  
because of his blazing anger.

<sup>27</sup> All this will happen because the LORD said,  
"The whole land will be desolate;  
however, I will not completely destroy it.



<sup>28</sup> Because of this the land will mourn  
and the sky above will grow black.  
For I have made my purpose known,  
and I will not relent or turn back from carrying it out.”

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19: 1-6**

**VU # 740**

***Refrain: The precepts of our God give joy to the heart.***

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the vault of the sky reveals God’s handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,  
And night shares its knowledge with night,**

And this without speech or language;  
Their voices are not heard.

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,  
Their words to the ends of the earth. **R****

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun  
Which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,  
Like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,  
It runs its course to the other,  
And there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. **R****

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:12-18 (New English Translation)**

### Lights in the World

<sup>12</sup> So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, continue working out your salvation with awe and reverence,<sup>13</sup> for the one bringing forth in you both the desire and the effort—for the sake of his good pleasure—is God. <sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without blemish though you live in a crooked and perverse society, in which you shine as lights in the world <sup>16</sup> by holding on to the word of life so that on the day of Christ I will have a reason to boast that I did not run in vain nor labour in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice together with all of you. <sup>18</sup> And in the same way you also should be glad and rejoice together with me.

## **Gospel: Mark 15: 33-39 (NRSV)**

### The Death of Jesus

<sup>33</sup> When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup> At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup> And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup> Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## **Sermon: Living Under the Big Dome**

## **Musical Meditation**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Hymn: Many and Great Are Your Works VU # 308**

Many and great, O God, are your works,  
Maker of earth and sky.  
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;  
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
You merely spoke and waters were formed;  
deep seas obey your voice.

Grant us communion with you, our God,  
though you transcend the stars.  
Come close to us and stay by our side:  
with you are found the true gifts that last.  
Bless us with life that never shall end,  
eternal life with you.

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

#### **Minute for Mission**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

#### **Offertory Prayer**



**Hymn: Spirit of Life**

**VU # 381**

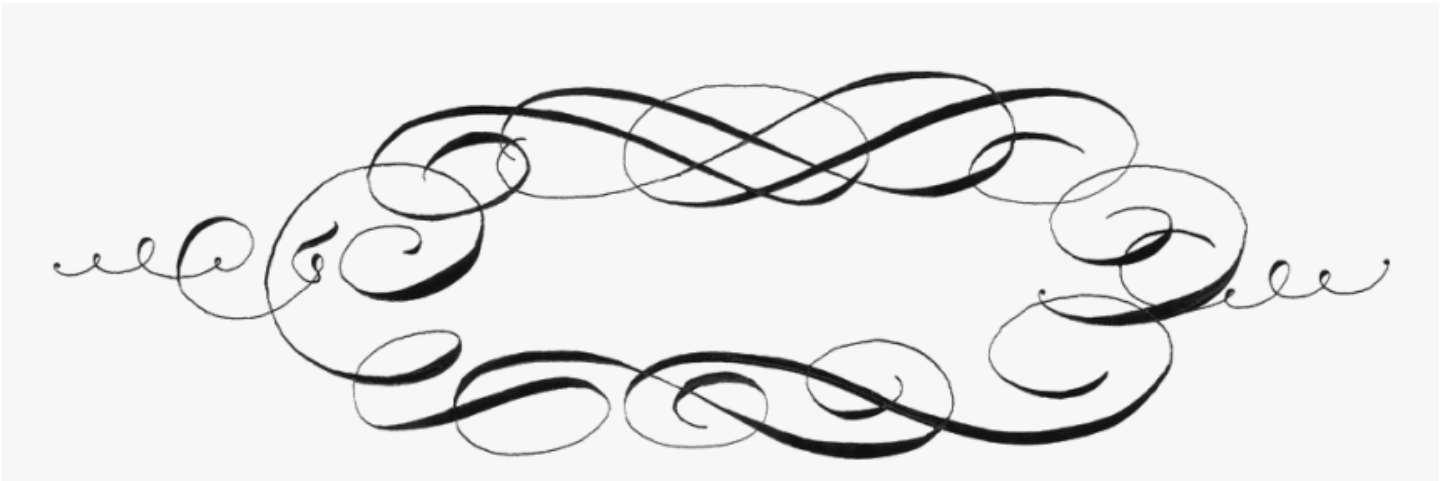
Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**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



## Today's Announcements

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Fellowship Hour following the Worship Service**

A MODIFIED Fellowship Hour will resume next Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> after the worship service. Since Fellowship Hour is considered a social gathering, new Covid protocols require that proof of vaccination will be required. If you would like to volunteer to help with Fellowship Hour, please see Elaine West.

#### **Robert Landsborough's Memorial Service**

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, Holy Trinity Sanctuary

-Covid protocols in effect

#### **Holy Trinity Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> after the worship service

-details to follow

### Upcoming Committee Meetings:

#### **Worship Committee Meeting:**

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Sanctuary

-Covid protocols in effect

#### **Friendship Group Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

-Covid protocols in effect

#### **HTUC Council Meeting:**

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

-Covid protocols in effect

### Other:

**Foodbank:** requesting peanut butter and cereal

#### **Request from Cathynn Hoyle:**

Looking for old used Christmas & general greeting cards. Working on some craft items that will transform the card front pictures into lovely gifts. If you have any you'd like to be rid of, please bring them to church and Pete will pick them up. Thank you kindly!