



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Guest Minister: Charlotte Adams

Music Today: Roxanne St. Pierre



Sunday, August 17, 2025
10:30 a.m.

Mission Statement

To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

We are blessed to live on this land, a sacred land that is on the traditional territory of the Anishinabewaki and the Mississauga. Indigenous and settler people came together to create formalized Treaty agreements and sadly settlers have failed to fully honor those treaties. Those of us who are settlers have a duty to reconcile the wrongs done to the Indigenous people of this land and we ask for God's strength and guidance as we commit ourselves to building right relations.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (kindly read the bold print)

We light the Christ candle to remind us to be genuine like Christ, putting our God-given gifts to good use

With the Holy Spirit's guidance, we will not put our light under a bushel, shining the Christ light everywhere we go

OPENING HYMN

VU 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 12: 9-11 (NRSVUE)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour,

Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

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OPENING PRAYER

O God,

Your Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Grant us open minds and hearts to discern what you are nudging us to do. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love.

Amen

Adapted from Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for the United Church in Canada pg 44.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God,

We praise your everlasting love and unlimited patience. The support you provide is insurmountable. We admit that we often ignore people on the outside of community, assuming that people wish to be alone or are not trying hard enough to enter the community. Grant us the wisdom to open our circles, welcoming the change new people can bring. We apologize when we give up on community and stop trying for fear of being judged robbing others of our authentic self. Being welcomed into a community is a two-way street. Give us the resilience to fight to be in community like the woman with the issue of blood and advocate for those not being included. We often take on too much, thinking we can do everything better on our own. Burning our Christ light out and being blind to other opportunities. May we have the strength to ask for and accept help when we need it. We admit we are often in a hurry, help us to slow down and exist in your wonderful creation. In the time of quiet, let us feel your presence. May we be open to what you are calling us to do.

Amen

Luke 8: 40-56

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows us inside and out and God loves us flaws and all. Nothing can separate us from God. Thanks be to God for this precious gift.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 8:40-56 (NRSVUE)
READER Keith Cross
HYMN VU 622 Your Hands, O Christ
MINISTER'S REFLECTION Reaching Out
MUSIC FOR REFLECTION V.U. 222 Come, Let Us Sing

OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER

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LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN V.U. 675 Will Your Anchor Hold

BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING Go Now in Peace

PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be With You
And also with you.

Greeter: Lorna Evans
Fellowship: Personnel Ministry



August 20 – Joanie Sobotka

*****Do we have your birthday file?**
Please check with Courtney so we can celebrate your special day!

MEETINGS

Mon. August 18 – 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation Time (kitchen)
Mon. August 18 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer and Meditation Group (Chapel)
Tues. August 19 – 9:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (auditorium/kitchen)
Wed. August 20 – 6:00 a.m. – Dave the Bread Maker (Kitchen)
Wed. August 20 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
Wed. Aug. 20 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fireside Room)
Wed. August 20 – 12:00 p.m. – G.A.P. Coffee Social (Auditorium)
Wed. August 20 – 1:00 p.m. – Pastoral Care Ministry (Fireside Room)
Wed. August 20 – 8:00 p.m. – A.A. Meeting (Auditorium)
Thurs. August 21 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Delivery Day (Auditorium/Kitchen)
Thurs. August 21 – 10:45 a.m.- OKP Therapy sessions (Fireside Room)
Fri. Aug. 22 – 8:00 a.m. – GAP Kitchen
Fri. Aug. 22 – 12:00 p.m. – AA Meeting (Fireside Room)
Fri. Aug. 22 - 1:30 p.m. – Alzheimer's Drop In (Fireside Room)
Sat. Aug. 23 – 9:00 a.m. – Elderberries Choir (Sanctuary)
Sun. Aug. 24 – 10:30 a.m. – Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary over the summer, we would like to ask your help with flowers for the front of the sanctuary each Sunday. We are asking if you would like to bring in flowers from your garden, or if you want to purchase flowers and place them in honour of a birth, a special birthday or anniversary, or in memory of someone, please speak to Eileen Trethewey.

Lay Worship Leaders if you are interested in helping to lead or plan a service when Carol-Ann is away, please speak to Ardyn Todd. We are organizing a committee of people who would be interested in doing this.

Council and Ministry Leaders Courtney has updated the Ministry file folders outside of her office. These files may be used for office and inter-ministry correspondence.

Prayer Requests Each Monday to conclude our Prayer and Meditation sessions, we lift up prayers for the community. If you have something or someone you would like us to pray for, please send your prayer requests to Courtney at trinityunitedgravenhurst@gmail.com, or write them on a piece of paper and leave them in the collection plate.

A Special Thank You to those who helped with today's service.

Trinity sits on the traditional territory of the **Anishinaabe** and the **Mississauga people**, surrendered under the Williams Treaties of 1923 and the Robinson-Huron Treaty 61 of 1850.



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