



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Minister: Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

Music Today: Roxanne St. Pierre

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement

To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

God creates the universe
and with it the possibility of being and relating.
God tends the universe,
mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.
God enlivens the universe,
guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

The fullness of life includes
moments of unexpected inspiration and courage lived out,
experiences of beauty, truth, and goodness,
blessings of seeds and harvest,
friendship and family, intellect and sexuality,
the reconciliation of persons through justice
and communities living in righteousness,
and the articulation of meaning.

And so we sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (kindly read the bold print)

Each Sunday morning, we light this candle, a symbol of Christ. This ritual brings focus for our time of worship, a time when we pause to renew our faith and spiritual life with our Creator.

All: May the light shine, gathering us in and bringing us to a place of calm and shalom.

Jim McKean, Severn Shores U.C., Severn, Ont. (adapted) gathering.ca

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OPENING HYMN

VU 580 Faith of Our Fathers

CALL TO WORSHIP

We sing of a church
seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.

We are called together by Christ
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved,
living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place.

Our ancestors in faith
bequeath to us experiences of their faithful living;
upon their lives our lives are built.

Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints,
experiencing the fulfillment of God's reign
even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth.*

OPENING PRAYER

We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

We sing with trust.* **(Amen)**

QUIET REFLECTION TIME

Contemplative Music: Songs & Prayers From Taizé #28 Come and Fill

Made in the image of God,
we yearn for the fulfillment that is life in God.
Yet we choose to turn away from God.

We surrender ourselves to sin,
a disposition revealed in selfishness, cowardice, or apathy.

Becoming bound and complacent
in a web of false desires and wrong choices,
we bring harm to ourselves and others.

This brokenness in human life and community
is an outcome of sin.

Sin is not only personal
but accumulates
to become habitual and systemic forms
of injustice, violence, and hatred.

We are all touched by this brokenness:
the rise of selfish individualism
that erodes human solidarity;
the concentration of wealth and power
without regard for the needs of all;
the toxins of religious and ethnic bigotry;
the degradation of the blessedness of human bodies
and human passions through sexual exploitation;
the delusion of unchecked progress and limitless growth
that threatens our home, the earth;
the covert despair that lulls many into numb complicity
with empires and systems of domination.

We sing lament and repentance.*

Silent Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Yet evil does not—cannot—
undermine or overcome the love of God.

God forgives,
and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings
with honesty and humility.

God reconciles,
and calls us to repent the part we have played
in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other.

God transforms,
and calls us to protect the vulnerable,
to pray for deliverance from evil,
to work with God for the healing of the world,
that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace.* **(Amen)**

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SCRIPTURE EXPLAINED

SCRIPTURE READING
READER

Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-33, &12:1-2
Nancy Jamieson

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN

VU 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

MINISTER'S REFLECTION

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

V.U. 218 We Praise You, O God

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Muskoka Shores Volunteer Appreciation

OFFERING

God is creative and self-giving,
generously moving
in all the near and distant corners of the universe.
Nothing exists that does not find its source in God.
Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.
We sing thanksgiving.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untameable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.

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The church has not always lived up to its vision.
It requires the Spirit to reorient it,
helping it to live an emerging faith while honouring tradition,
challenging it to live by grace rather than entitlement,
for we are called to be a blessing to the earth.

We sing of God's good news lived out,
a church with purpose:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence,
human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by God,
corrected and comforted,
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,
creation's mending.
We sing of God's mission.* **(Amen)**

LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN **V.U 223 Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing**

BLESSING

May I remind you that wherever we are, in the sanctuary or watching from home,
we are the church,
And wherever you are,
may you feel God's love to the left of you and the right of you,
In front of you and behind you
Above you and below you
Within you and within everyone you meet
Now and always.
Amen.

SUNG BLESSING **Go Now in Peace**

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Greeter: Robbie Quinn
Fellowship: Personnel Ministry



August 25 – Michelle vanKooten
August 27 – Jean Anderson
August 28 – Ethel Todd
August 30 – Linda Richardson

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

MEETINGS

Mon. August 25 – 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation Time (kitchen)
Mon. August 25 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer and Meditation Group (Chapel)
Mon. August 25 – 10:15 a.m.- OKP Therapy Session (Fireside Room)
Tues. August 26 – 9:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (auditorium/kitchen)
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Wed. August 27 – 6:00 a.m. – Dave the Bread Maker (Kitchen)
Wed. August 27 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
Wed. August 27 – 12:00 p.m. – G.A.P. Coffee Social (Auditorium)
Wed. August 27 – 8:00 p.m. – A.A. Meeting (Auditorium)
Thurs. August 28 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Delivery Day (Auditorium/Kitchen)
Thurs. August 28 – 10:45 a.m.- OKP Therapy sessions (Fireside Room)
Fri. Aug. 29 – 8:00 a.m. – GAP Kitchen
Fri. Aug. 29 – 12:00 p.m. – AA Meeting (Fireside Room)
Fri. Aug. 29 1:30 p.m. – Alzheimer's Drop In (Fireside Room)
Sun. Aug. 31 – 10:30 a.m. – Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Macaig in Concert Please join us on Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. for another concert by Robert Macaig. He came last fall and thrilled the audience with a huge repertoire covering material from 60's and 70's singer/songwriters to more current classic rock, country, jazz and originals all presented with a unique flare, humour and punctuated with solid finger style acoustic guitar. Admission by donation.

Bazaar Meeting It might still be August but the “BER” months are right around the corner! The bazaar is now 3 months away. On Wednesday, September 10 at 1 p.m. the Bazaar Committee will have their first meeting of the season in the Fireside Room. If you are interested in helping put on the best bazaar EVER, please join us. If you are interested in helping but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Sharon Kittson.

Join us for Coffee and fellowship downstairs after the service. Please head down the stairs in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary to the Fellowship hall. The elevator in the Narthex is also available for those who need it. We look forward to meeting with you!

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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