



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Minister: Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

Music Today: Roxanne St. Pierre



Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Mission Statement

To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community

WELCOME

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MOMENT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (Kindly read in unison)

Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears, of bodies, souls, voices and all relations: you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation. Come upon us, O Divine Healer, and open our eyes to the injustices brought against the Indigenous peoples of this land, their languages and cultures. Make us people of integrity and bearers of hope, that we may commit to restoring relationships and to journeying together, as Non-Indigenous and Indigenous siblings, to a place of peace in you, where every tear will be wiped away, and every sorrow turned to joy. Give us one heart and one mind to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit, in truth, reconciliation, and peace. Amen.

A Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation (adapted) <https://www.gscs.ca/ci/p/4346>

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

OPENING HYMN

VU 348 O Love How Deep (vs. 1-4)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with what you have.
For you who grieve this day
know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.
**Loved by one another,
we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have.
For you who come with gladness
know that your melody will find harmony.
**Accepting God's love for us,
we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have.
For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs'
know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.
**Loved by one another,
we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have.
For you who have the answers,
know that new questions await you.
**Accepting God's love for us,
we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have.
For you who come seeking,
know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.
**Loved by one another,
we discover God's love for us.**

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Outside the Box**. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, as we gather today as your people, make us attentive to your call in our lives. Help us to notice the things you do among us, the things you stir in our hearts, the opportunities that surround us to share your love with others. Guide us in this time of worship, we pray. **Amen.**

QUIET REFLECTION TIME

Contemplative Music: Taizé #28 Come and Fill (1x instrumental, 2x sung)

"No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us." 1 John 4:12

Silent Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God, we are grateful that you live in each one of us. We acknowledge your presence and choose to rest in your love. Help us to love those in our world, remembering that you first loved us. **Amen.**

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SCRIPTURE EXPLAINED

SCRIPTURE READING	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
READER	Lisa Sellon

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN	V.U. 372 Though I May Speak
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MINISTER'S REFLECTION

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION	V.U. 147 What Wondrous Love is This
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

OFFERING

Generous God,

We offer what we are able, and these may come in many different ways. Through our time, our talents, our prayer, and through our presence and participation in worship. Today some of these gifts come via donations so that the work of your church may continue. Bless what we offer this day. May these things help to bring your love peace and joy into the world. **Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Your love is patient;
we give you thanks for all those who have been patient with us
and have taught and cared for us;
and we pray for the patience to love others
as you have loved us.

Your love is kind;
give us the courage to be kind to others
and to serve those with patience
who are so often unkind, rude, difficult to love, or our enemies.
They are your children and our sisters and brothers
and they were made in your image.

Your love is not pompous;
give us insight to speak the truth in love
and for the sake of your kingdom
and not out of a need to appear clever or right
and in all our relationships
give us the wisdom to listen far more than we speak.

Your love does not seek its own interests;
we thank you and pray for those who serve the poor and those in need,
who give tirelessly of themselves and who have much to do
and little time for themselves.

Your love is not quick-tempered;
we pray for those who are angry
and for the violent and their victims;
for children who fear, elders who are abused,

and people trapped in relationships that injure and harm.

Your love bears all things;
we remember before you those with heavy burdens,
many cares, much stress, and too little comfort and help.
Open our eyes to those around us and their needs
and give us the wisdom to offer help
without any prying or sense of superiority.

Your love never fails;
even death does not trespass on the breadth and depth of your love.
We thank you for those we have loved in this life
and who now dwell in the peace and joy of your presence
and let your comfort settle on those who are bereaved
or who are lonely this day.

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

V.U 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

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: Nancy Bouchard

Fellowship: Personnel Ministry



August 31 – Dale Cowan
Sept. 1 – Louise Spiecher
Sept. 1 – Leah Strength
Sept. 4 – Al Gibson

*****Do we have your birthday file?**

Please check with Courtney so we can celebrate your special day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Office Will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 1 for Labour Day. Have a safe and happy long weekend everyone!

Prayer and Meditation is **CANCELLED** for Monday, September 1 due to the Labour day weekend. We will return on Monday, September 8 and meet at Dave Walker and Kylie Humphrey's house (355 Fairview Drive) from 9:30 -11.

Next Council Meeting Just a reminder that our next Council meeting is on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. All council members, please be sure to attend if you are able.

Potluck Suppers will be returning in September! Our next one will be on Thursday, September 18 at 6 p.m. Please come and join us for great food and even better fellowship.

Study Group will be resuming their meetings on Thursday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The first book of the season will be Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity, by Ronald Rolheiser. If you would like to join or want more information, please contact Nancy Jamieson.

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 less than 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.

MEETINGS

Mon. Sept. 1 – 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation Time (kitchen)
Tues. Sept. 2 – 9:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (auditorium/kitchen)
Tues. Sept. 2 – 10:30 a.m. – OKP Therapy Sessions (Fireside Room)
Wed. Sept. 3 – 6:00 a.m. – Dave the Bread Maker (Kitchen)
Wed. Sept. 3 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
Wed. Sept. 3 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fireside Room)
Wed. Sept. 3 – 12:00 p.m. – G.A.P. Coffee Social (Auditorium)
Wed. Sept. 3 – 8:00 p.m. – A.A. Meeting (Auditorium)
Thurs. Sept. 4 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Delivery Day (Auditorium/Kitchen)
Fri. Sept. 5 – 8:00 a.m. – GAP Kitchen
Fri. Sept. 5 – 12:00 p.m. – AA Meeting (Fireside Room)
Fri. Sept. 5 - 1:30 p.m. – Alzheimer's Drop In (Fireside Room)
Sun. Sept. 7 – 10:30 a.m. – Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

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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