



# TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

## AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Minister: Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

Music Today: Roxanne St. Pierre

Sunday, September 14, 2025  
10:30 a.m.



### Mission Statement

*To be a compassionate, inclusive, and joyful faith community*

## WELCOME

## MOMENT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (kindly read the bold print)

We light a candle symbolizing the presence of Christ's Spirit in our midst, as we recall the words of Jesus:

**Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.**

RESPONSE                      **MV 14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered (2x)**

OPENING HYMN                      **MV 157 I Am a Child of God**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One:     God is calling us by name, trying to get our attention.

**All:     Here we are, turning our full attention to God's presence.**

One:     God is calling us through the voices of our neighbors.

**All:     Here we are, listening for truth through holy human stories.**

One:     God is calling us to see the world anew.

**All:     Here we are, looking for what God will reveal and provide today.**

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## OPENING PRAYER

You have provided just as you promised, O God.  
You spoke and so it happened.  
Not just once, not just long ago,  
but even now  
your promise is true.  
We who have received your goodness,  
we who experience your providing,  
we who know your presence,  
come to give thanks for all your works,  
bringing our offering of praise.

**Amen.**

## QUIET REFLECTION TIME

**Contemplative Music: MV 75 Holy Spirit, Come to Us (1x instrumental, 2x sung)**

Holy God,  
you give yourself to us  
and call us to bring our full selves to you, too.  
We confess that we aren't always fully tuned-in  
to you, to each other, or even to ourselves.  
Instead of the complexity of relationship,  
we swing between assuming our causes will automatically be yours,  
thinking faith means we must be unthinking  
and unquestioning no matter what.  
We run on autopilot pursuing our own passions,  
or we act without asking if there's more to the story.  
Forgive us when we say or think any variation of "I was just following orders."  
Forgive us when we use your call to faith as a way to hurt others.  
Forgive us when we believe the end justifies the means.  
Call us in to closer connection with you,  
and make us true covenant partners,  
invested in abundant life with you.

**Amen.**

***Silent Reflection***

## PRAYER FOR ASSURANCE

Hear and believe this good news: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has gone and the new has come. Through Christ's faithfulness, we are no longer bound to the old habits and patterns and ways, we are free to join in the new thing God is doing, even now. Trust in God's forgiveness and go forward into new life. Thanks be to God.

**Amen.**

**Contemplative Music: MV 75 Holy Spirit, Come to Us (1x instrumental, 2x sung)**

## SCRIPTURE EXPLAINED

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Genesis 21:1-3; Genesis 22:1-14**

### READER

**Courtney Losey**

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### HYMN

**V.U. 286 If You Will Trust in God to Guide You**

### MINISTER'S REFLECTION

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

**V.U. Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Not So Serious Euchre**

## OFFERING

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Faithful God,  
your mind is beyond our knowing,  
your grace beyond our imagining,  
your way is beyond our capacity,  
and yet you call us  
and provide for us  
and guide us.

We give you thanks for making us your people,  
and for sticking with us even when you know the fullness of what we can or will do.  
And we pray you would make us ever more in your image:  
determined to create and provide,  
willing to pour ourselves out for others,

invested in relationship with this world you so love.

We look around this world today and so much calls out for our attention...

we cannot hold it all,

but we trust that you can, and so we come to you

lifting up those who have been sacrificed to our values or ideals or passions or goals,

those we so easily cast aside as collateral damage,

those who have been seen as objects to be used or abused in debates about "issues."

We pray for your healing grace,

for a sure and steadfast sense of your love and care,

and for all of us to learn at last to treat one another as bearers of your divine image.

We lift up those parents and children who have difficult relationships,

those families where truth and trust are in short supply,

where image matters more than reality and love has become conditional.

We pray for your healing grace,

for your peace that passes all understanding,

and for found-families that offer your acceptance and grace.

We lift up those who are struggling to hear your voice,

those who find your call difficult to follow,

those who have been prohibited from pursuing the call you give to them.

We pray for your healing grace,

that all might live freely as your beloved,

with space and support to discern your will,

and for all of us to take our place in your kingdom vision.

We lift up those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit,

those living with illness or injury,

those weighed down by grief,

those under threat of violence.

We pray for your healing grace,

for your companionship through the shadowed valley,

for your justice that is the foundation of peace,

and for all of us to be your beloved community, caring for one another in your name.

We trust in your care, O God,

and in your promised presence.

Guide and guard your people in these days,

and all the days to come.

We ask in the name of the One who was faithful to the end and beyond,

Jesus the Christ.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (Sung VU 960)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLOSING HYMN

V.U. 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah

### 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.

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**Greeter: Andrea Edgar**  
**Fellowship: Fellowship Ministry**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of August 31, 2025

Total Income to Date (Jan. 1 to Aug. 31)	\$141,438.56
Total Expenses to Date (Jan. 1 to Aug. 31)	\$161,532.98
Total Loss/Profit to Date	<b>-\$20,094.42</b>



September 15 – Jim Reynolds  
 September 15 – Eileen Bartlett  
 September 17 – Allen Porter

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

**Next Council Meeting** Just a reminder that our next Council meeting is on Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. All council members, please be sure to attend if you are able.

**Not So Serious Euchre** Do you like to play cards just for fun and not for competition? Join us for Not So Serious Euchre in the Fireside Room.  
Thursday September 25 from 3-5 p.m.  
Please sign up in the Narthex

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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](mailto: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. 15 – 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation Time (kitchen)
Mon. Sept. 15– 9:30 a.m. – Prayer and Meditation (Chapel)
Tues. Sept. 16 – 9:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (auditorium/kitchen)
Tues. Sept. 16– 1:30 p.m. – Elderberries Choir (Sanctuary)
<b>Tues. Sept. 16 – 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting (Fireside Room)</b>
Wed. Sept. 17 – 6:00 a.m. – Dave the Bread Maker (Kitchen)
Wed. Sept. 17 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
Wed. Sept. 17 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fireside Room)
Wed. Sept. 17 – 12:00 p.m. – G.A.P. Coffee Social (Auditorium)
Wed. Sept. 17 – 4:00 p.m. – YWCA Circles South Muskoka (Auditorium)
Wed. Sept. 17 – 8:00 p.m. – A.A. Meeting (Auditorium)
Thurs. Sept. 18 - 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Delivery Day (Auditorium/Kitchen)
Thurs. Sept. 18 – 1:00 p.m. – Study Group (Fireside Room)
Thurs. Sept. 18 – 6:00 p.m. – Potluck Supper (Auditorium)
Fri. Sept. 19 – 8:00 a.m. – GAP Kitchen
Fri. Sept. 19 – 12:00 p.m. – AA Meeting (Fireside Room)
Fri. Sept. 19 - 1:30 p.m. – Alzheimer's Drop In (Fireside Room)
Sun. Sept. 21 – 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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