



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Minister: Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

Music Today: Roxanne St. Pierre



Sunday, September 7, 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 **VU 402 Morning Has Broken**

CALL TO WORSHIP

1: Breath by breath - it was so.

2: Word by word - it was so.

1: Piece by piece - it was so.

2: Day by day - it was so.

All: Blessing by blessing - it was so.

Leader: And God saw that it was good.

All: God saw that it was very good.

OPENING PRAYER

It's a miracle, O God,

that there is a place we can live,

a space we can breathe in the midst of the chaos.

As we breathe together here today,

as we con-spire with you here today,

in-spire our imagination that we may join you in speaking a new world into being.

Amen.

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Trinity United Church

Sunday, September 31, 2025

QUIET REFLECTION TIME

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

UN-CREATION: A MEDITATION

Silent Reflection

PRAYER FOR ASSURANCE

*You are a God who blesses,
a God who risks being in relationship,
a God who creates beginnings out of endings.
Because of who you are,
you call us to be who we truly are.
And in your choice to pour out your grace,
you push us to be a blessing beyond ourselves.
Move us today, O God —
to pull up the stakes, to take the first step,
to go and look for what you will show us next,
to be among this world as your covenant people.
Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE EXPLAINED

SCRIPTURE READING
READER

Genesis 1-Genesis 2:1-4
Robert Anderson

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN

V.U. 251 God Created Heaven and Earth

MINISTER'S REFLECTION

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

V.U. 226 For the Beauty of the Earth

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

OFFERING

Holy One, you have called us friends and named us partners in your work of Creation.
Accept these gifts we bring and bless them for your use, that they may reveal to others the
depth of your love for all people and Creation itself. **Amen**

Karen MacNeill Whycocomagh-East Lake Anslie P.C, Whycocomagh N.S. gathering.ca

PASTORAL PRAYER

Holy God,
so often the world feels like chaos,
like we are poised on the edge of the void,
like all the structures we have depended on are crumbling to formlessness.
Yet your Spirit sweeps over the depths:
the depths of despair
the depths of uncertainty
the depths of confusion
the depths of hope
and your voice calls out,
drawing out what is good
and revealing possibilities where we thought there were none.
And so we come to you today,
trusting that as you spoke and it was so,
even now you will speak again and bring something new into this world.
We come longing for a deep breath...
and praying for those places where the air is not healthy,
for those people whose lives don't allow space to breathe freely,
for those whose bodies struggle.
May your wind blow through with new life.
We come worried about the land and sea...
praying for those places where fires rage and floods roar,
for waterways choked by waste
and for land overused and abused.
May the earth be allowed to breathe, too.
We come with our fear and our wonder for our fellow creatures,
praying for animals losing habitat,
for insects going extinct before we even knew they existed,
for the complex web that depends so much on each other.

May your blessing of continued re-creation be fulfilled.
We come with sorrow and joy for our fellow humans,
praying for those who do not see themselves or others as your image,
for those who suffer,
for those who strive and work without rest.
May we recognize one another as your people,
and know the blessing of following your command to care.
From chaos you created,
and from chaos still you create,
word by word and blessing by blessing.
Fill our hearts and minds with your vision,
and give us courage to act on your call to create it.
We ask in the name of your Word incarnate, Jesus the Christ,
and through the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

V.U. 352 I Danced in the Morning

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: Kevin Fitchett
Fellowship: Fellowship Ministry



September 7 – Don Woods
September 7 – Sarah Hiscox
September 8 – Joanne Irvine
September 13 – Lisa Sellon

***Do we have your birthday file?

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Meditation will meet tomorrow morning at Dave Walker and Kylie Humphrey's house (355 Fairview Drive) from 9:30 -11. Come for a quiet time of meditation followed by fellowship.

Worship Ministry Meeting will be on Thursday, September 11 at 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

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!

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. 8 – 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation Time (kitchen)
Mon. Sept. 8 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer and Meditation (David & Kylie's house)
Tues. Sept. 9 – 9:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (auditorium/kitchen)
Tues. Sept. 9 – 1:30 p.m. – Elderberries Choir (Sanctuary)
Tues. Sept. 9 – 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wed. Sept. 10 – 6:00 a.m. – Dave the Bread Maker (Kitchen)
Wed. Sept. 10 – 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
Wed. Sept. 10 – 12:00 p.m. – G.A.P. Coffee Social (Auditorium)
Wed. Sept. 10 – 1:00 p.m. – Bazaar Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wed. Sept. 10 – 8:00 p.m. – A.A. Meeting (Auditorium)
Thurs. Sept. 11 – 8:00 a.m. – G.A.P. Meal Delivery Day (Auditorium/Kitchen)
Thurs. Sept. 11 – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Ministry (Fireside Room)
Thurs. Sept. 11 – 1:00 p.m. – Study Group (Fireside Room)
Fri. Sept. 12 – 8:00 a.m. – GAP Kitchen
Fri. Sept. 12 – 12:00 p.m. – AA Meeting (Fireside Room)
Fri. Sept. 12 – 1:30 p.m. – Alzheimer's Drop In (Fireside Room)
Sun. Sept. 14 – 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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