



TRINITY ST. PAUL'S 
UNITED CHURCH
FAITH JUSTICE ARTS

May 31st, 2026 – 10:30 am
Trinity Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

“We gather in the life of the Triune God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, drawn into relationship, wonder, and shared belonging.”

Prelude: *Milonga del Ángel* (Angel's Milonga) by Astor Piazzolla (Piano: Jill McKechnie)

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Maureen McKay

As we gather on this Trinity Sunday...
These lands remind us that life is meant to be shared, honoured, and protected together.

**May our worship move us beyond words
into deeper relationships of justice, respect, listening, and right
relations
with Indigenous communities, one another, and all creation.**

Lighting of the Christ, and Community Candles

We light the Christ candle...
...and for the Spirit who breathes through creation and community.

**On this Trinity Sunday,
we remember that God's life is shared life,
a communion of grace, relationship, and belonging.**

We light the community candle...

...we give thanks for the wisdom, resilience, creativity, and faith
of Asian communities across generations.

**May this light remind us
that we are called to live together in justice, hospitality, and peace,
reflecting the shared love of the Triune God in the world.**

Words of Welcome

Life and Works of the Congregation

Gathering Words:

We gather in the name of God,
Creator of earth, sky, and sea.

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ,
Word made flesh, companion on the journey.

We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit,
Breath of life, wisdom, and courage.

We gather in the name of the Triune God,
to worship in spirit and in truth!

Hymn: VU 315 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**

**though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Prayer of Approach

Silent Reflection

Words of Hope & Passing of the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace in person or online, with a word, a gesture, or a quiet blessing.)

WE GROW IN FAITH

"In scripture, song, and reflection, God continues to shape us for lives of communion, justice, and care."

Introduction to the Scripture

Rebecca Mathews

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-10, 2:1-4a (Malayalam first, then in English)

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Halleluja, Loof Die Here* (Alleluia, Praise Our God) Franco Prinsloo (TSP
Soprano-Alto, Piano: Jill McKechnie)

Alleluia, praise our God, Alleluia, praise Her name.

For every bright new moon, shines over the whole earth with endless praise.

*The stars flickering in the night sky, the galaxies sparkling softly above us,
Are miracles of praise.*

*Even if the stars are far away, or dark clouds hide their light,
Our God lives near our hearts.*

Sermon: *“From the Beginning: Creating in Coalition”*

Silent Reflection

WE GIVE & PRAY

“As people created in relationship, we respond with gratitude, generosity, prayer, and shared commitment.”

Offering Invitation:

...

Our offerings become part of that sacred exchange,
supporting ministries of compassion, justice, creativity, and community.

Let us offer our gifts with gratitude and hope.

(The offering is collected in the sanctuary. For those online, you are welcome to donate to the work of TSP with the QR code below.)



Hymn: *MV 182 Grateful*

Refrain: **Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

**1 You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.
Even when we doubt your presence
you are faithful to your Word. Refrain**

**2 May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name. *Refrain***

Offering Prayer

**Loving God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and love.
Use them to bring hope, healing, justice, and compassion into the world.
Shape us also into people who reflect your generous and life-giving love
in all we do.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lina Medaglia

Loving God, hear our prayer.
And in your love, answer.

Sung Response: *Spirit of the Winds* Words by Marion Pope, Music by La, Un Young

**Spirit of the winds, breathe in us your peace,
that we live lives transformed in community.**

Encircling Prayers... *We hold in our prayers:*

The Shining Waters Regional Council staff of the United Church of Canada

- Peter Hartman, *Executive Minister*
- Susan Whiteman, *Executive Assistant and Administrative Support*
- Jody Maltby, *Regional Staff Lead; Finance And Property Minister*
- Diane Matheson-Jimenez, *Community Of Faith Support Minister*
- Kim Uyede-Kai, *Communities Of Faith And Pastoral Relations Minister;
Intercultural Diversity, Anti-Racism And Right Relations Minister*

Ecumenical Prayer

The pastors and congregations of the Christ Disciples Church.
The churches in Angola and Mozambique.

Intercessions

We are **thankful** for:

- the rich natural resources in these countries, which God intends for the good of all
- the positive developments experienced since years of civil war
- village committees that seek to protect livelihoods and food security of the poor
- how the Lutheran World Federation and partners have pursued land rights in Mozambique.

We **pray** for:

- better sanitation, health services, and protection of the environment in these lands
- a healing of the lingering scars and memories from colonization and civil wars
- protection of the land rights of the people
- governments that are transparent and further the good of all the people, rather than being captive to foreign and business interests.

WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD

"Sent by the Spirit, we go to live as signs of God's shared love in the world."

Hymn: VU 312 *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

- 1 Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.**
- 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.**
- 3 Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,**

**forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.**

**4 Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in Three.**

Benediction

Postlude: Solo (Théa Nappert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Dates:

June: Indigenous Heritage Month

June 3: Wednesday Evening Reflection
Group (7pm)

June 10: Online Bible Study (7:30pm)

June 12-13: Artists Wage Peace Weekend
Event

June 14: Trustees Pizza & Pie Social

June 21: Pride Sunday

June 28: Pay Rent Sunday with guest
speaker Rev. Carmen Lansdowne

July - Bloor & TSP Worship at TSP

August - Bloor & TSP Worship at St.
Matthews

West Wing/Kindred Works Session THIS MORNING

After worship today we have a very important information and priority-setting meeting in the Sanctuary. Share your feedback and vision for the future of TSP's West Wing.

Wednesday Evening Reflection Group

The next Wednesday Evening Reflection gathering is on **June 3rd from 7-8 pm on Zoom**. Gail Allan is providing leadership for this WERG on the theme of God's Spirit in our Lives. See the e-newsletter for the link to join, or contact the Church Office.

Online Bible Study - The Psalms

The book of Psalms has always spoken to the hearts of people across generations. Rev. Dr. Nan Hudson, our Volunteer Associate Minister, is piloting an online Bible Study on the Psalms **June 10th at 7:30pm**. All are welcome, and more details are to follow. *Please plan to join us!*

Trustees Pizza & Pie Social

On **Sunday, June 14**, the members of the Board of Trustees will be hosting the fourth annual Pie Social after church in the gym. There will be pizza and pieces of pie for everyone!

Cooling the Offices in Summer

We are looking for three new or used portable a/c units with appropriate fixtures for the church offices asap. If you have any to donate or funds to give to this little project, please let Hewitt or Sarah know.

Artists Wage Peace: Palestinian and Jewish Artists and Peace Builders

ARTISTS WAGE PEACE brings creative souls together to spread love and end conflict. You are invited to this groundbreaking and timely two-day interfaith event organized by local artist Robin Pacific and the Middle East Working Group **When:** June 12-13, 2026 **Where:** Trinity-St. Paul's United Church. **RSVP & view the full schedule at www.robinpacific.ca/event**

Connecting with Hewitt in June:

Hewitt's next week for research and study will be **June 28-July 4**. During this time, he will not be available for regular meetings or correspondence, except for urgent pastoral matters. His time away nourishes our time together, and we thank you for your understanding as he enters this period of focused study and renewal.

Staff Summer Holidays

Hewitt will take his summer holiday in August this year. More details to come on other staff holidays.



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*Trinity-St. Paul's is an inclusive community of faith of the United Church of Canada. We seek to be a centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts: **a place for faith**, where the Gospel is lived and shared; **a place for justice**, where voices are raised for peace and equity; **a place for the arts**, where beauty, imagination, and creativity reveal God's presence.*

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