



LIVING WATER

TRINITY ST. PAUL'S 
UNITED CHURCH
FAITH JUSTICE ARTS

June 14th, 2026 – 10:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Worship
Indigenous Month

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

“We gather beside the living waters of God’s grace and renewal.”

Prelude: *As the Deer Pants for the Water* arr. by Marilyn Ham

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

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As we gather during Indigenous Heritage Month,

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we remember that many Indigenous communities across Canada continue to face injustices around clean and safe water.

**May this acknowledgment move us beyond words
toward right relationship, shared responsibility, and deeper
commitment
to justice for both people and creation.**

Life and Works of the Congregation

Lighting of the Christ & Community Candles

We light the Christ candle... *(Candle is lit)*

We light the community candle
for all who thirst for clean water, dignity, and right relations.

**May we become people who protect creation
and carry streams of compassion into the world. *(Candle is lit)***

Words of Welcome

Gathering Words:

Come to the waters, all who thirst.

We gather beside the living waters of God.

Rivers clap their hands, rain renews the earth, and deep calls to deep.

God's Spirit flows among us with life and healing.

Let us worship the Source of life.

We come to drink deeply from the waters of grace.

Hymn: *MV 144 "Like a Healing Stream"*

- 1 Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth
like a healing stream**

- 2 Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil
to coax a new creation
yearning for an end to want and need
like a gentle rain.**

- 3 Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel
in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war
like a river strong.**

- 4 Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,**

**Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.**

Prayer

Silence

Words of Grace & Passing of the Peace:

Jesus says...
The peace of Christ be with you.
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

"Christ speaks living water into our thirsting hearts and weary world."

Introduction to the Scripture

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Scripture: Jeremiah 2:13, 17:13, John 4:13-14, 7:37-38, Revelation 7:17 and 22:1
(Inclusive Bible)

Herein is wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Song of Community* by Carolyn McDade

Sermon: *"Living Waters"*

Silent Reflection

WE GIVE & PRAY

"Refreshed by God's Spirit, we respond with justice, compassion, and hope."

Offering Invitation:

Freely we have received from the goodness of God,
the gift of life, community, creation, and grace.

**As people refreshed by living waters,
we now offer our gifts for the healing of the world,
the work of justice,
and the flourishing of all creation.**

(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.)



Offertory Hymn: VU 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- 1 **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,**

**bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Offering Prayer

**Living God,
source of every good gift,
receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope.
May they flow outward like streams of justice,
bringing healing, compassion, and renewal
to communities near and far.
Use us, and these gifts,
to protect the waters of life
and to reflect your love in the world.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

James Holzbauer

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

Sung Response: TLUS 84 *Heleluyan**

**Helleluyan, helleluyan; helle, helleluyan;
Helleluyan, helleluyan; helle, helleluyan.**

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

Trinity-St. Paul's United Church
The family and friends of Lily Gibson
Walter Whiteley and family
Greg and Vera Callaghan

Shining Waters Regional Council
Northwest Barrie United Church
Leaside United Church, Toronto

WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD

"We go as streams of peace and healing in a thirsty world."

Closing Hymn: VU 509 *I, the God of Sea and Sky* (v. 1-2, Organ Interlude, v. 3)

1 I, the God of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

R Here I am, God. Is it I, God?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, God, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the God of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (R)

Organ Interlude

3 I, the God of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (R)

Benediction

Postlude: *Hornpipe* from *Water Music Suite* No. 2 in D Major, HWV 349, by G. F. Handel



Upcoming Dates:

June: Indigenous Peoples' Month

June 14: Trustees Pizza & Pie Social

June 17: Wednesday Evening Reflection Group (7-8pm, Zoom)

June 21: Pride Sunday

June 28: Pay Rent Sunday with Rev. Carmen Lansdowne

July - Bloor & TSP Worship at TSP

August - Bloor & TSP Worship at St. Matthews

Happy Anniversary to the United Church of Canada!

As we celebrate 101 years of faith flowing like rivers across the land, shimmering like lakes beneath the northern sky, and taking root like deep forests stretching through towns, cities, coastlines, and prairies since June 10, 1925. Born from the courage to cross denominational boundaries, our beloved United Church became a living testimony that the Spirit is always drawing people together beyond walls once thought immovable. Through seasons of struggle and hope, lament and renewal, the church has carried the light of compassion, inclusion, and prophetic witness across generations. At Trinity-St. Paul's, we are grateful to stand within this sacred river of history -a centre for faith, justice, and the arts rooted in love in the heart of Toronto. As we honour the path behind us, we also listen for the Spirit still calling us forward, toward a future where grace widens, justice deepens, and hope continues to rise like morning light.

Congratulations to Hewitt and Deborah!

Congratulations to our minister, Hewitt, on being awarded the McGeachy Scholarship for Th.D. and Ph.D. studies and receiving support through the Black Clergy Network, and our

Director of Music, Deborah, on receiving funding from the Anna Jentsch-Bill Endowment Bursary! We celebrate this recognition of Hewitt and Deborah's ongoing academic, theological, and ministerial works that continue to enrich the life of TSP and the wider church. Please join us in offering our prayers and congratulations.

Wednesday Evening Reflection Group (WERG)

The last WERG before summer break will take place on Wednesday June 17 from 7-8pm on Zoom. See the E-newsletter or contact the Church Office for the full announcement.

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 info to come on other staff holidays!



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