



**TRINITY ST. PAUL'S**   
UNITED CHURCH  
FAITH JUSTICE ARTS

**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – 10:30 am**  
*Fifth Sunday of Pentecost*  
*Indigenous Month - Pride Worship*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*We gather seeking a church that reflects God's unconditional and abiding love for all people.*

**Introit:** *June (Barcarolle)*, from *The Seasons*, Op. 37a No.6 by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (Piano Solo)

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Martha Davis

As we gather for worship at Trinity–St. Paul's United Church,

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We give thanks for their enduring presence, wisdom, and stewardship of the land.

**As people of faith seeking justice and reconciliation,  
may we walk humbly together, honouring Indigenous communities  
not only in words, but in relationships, solidarity, and action.**

### **Lighting of the Christ, Pride, and Community Candles**

Today we light three candles...

*(Candles are lit)*

**May these lights guide us  
toward justice and compassion,  
toward truth and healing,  
toward deeper belonging and courageous love.**

## **Welcome & Gathering Words**

Come, people of grace, truth, lament, hope, and love.

**We will gather as a community seeking justice, healing, and belonging.**

Come, remembering the wounds  
and the wisdom carried within the lives of 2SLGBTQIA+ people and communities.

**We will listen deeply, honour every story, and embody Christ's love.**

Come, whether you bring joy, questions, weariness, anger, gratitude, or longing.

**We will welcome one another and worship together as we are, held together in God's love.**

**Hymn:** VU 299 *Teach Me God to Wonder* ( vv. 1-2 with chorus)

**1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.**

*Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

**2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. R**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Holy and Loving God,  
you create each person in dignity and beauty.  
You breathe life into diversity  
and call creation good.**

**Today we gather seeking your Spirit once more.  
Open our hearts.  
Transform our minds.  
Heal wounded memories.  
Teach us to become a community  
where all people may flourish safely and fully.  
Guide us into deeper justice,  
deeper humility,  
and deeper love,  
through Christ,  
who welcomed those pushed to the margins  
and called them beloved.  
Amen.**

*Silence*

## **WE GROW IN THE FAITH**

*We grow as the Spirit transforms our hearts and minds toward justice, compassion, and belonging.*

### **Introduction to Prayer of Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession** *(adapted from the UCC Apology)*

**God of mercy and truth,  
We confess that the church has not always been a sanctuary of love and belonging.  
We confess the harm caused through homophobia,  
biphobia,  
and transphobia,  
through words spoken,  
policies created,  
silence maintained,  
and gifts denied.**

*Silence*

**We lament the times when 2SLGBTQIA+ people experienced rejection where there should have been welcome,**

**fear where there should have been safety,  
and judgment where there should have been grace.  
We confess the ways the church failed to honour the sacred worth of  
your beloved children.  
Forgive us for the pain caused to individuals,  
families,  
friends,  
and communities.**

*Silence*

**By your Spirit,  
reorient your church toward compassion,  
justice,  
humility,  
and courageous love.  
Teach us not merely to apologize with words,  
but to live differently.  
Amen.**

## **Words of Hope & Passing of the Peace**

Hear the good news...

In love, God continues the work of healing and reconciliation.

**Thanks be to God. We are beloved, seen, and embraced by the Love  
who calls creation good.**

May 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.)*

**Anthem:** *Nipiy (Water Song)* by Sherryl Sewepegaham (Forte Chorus)

*I am here. I sit beside the water.  
I touch you. I hear you. I see you.  
I am here. I sit quietly.\**

**Readings:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 & John 13:34–35 (Inclusive Bible)

**Reflection:** “Living the Apology to 2SLGBTQIA+ ...”

## **Silent Reflection**

### **WE RESPOND**

*We respond with our gifts, prayers, and actions, helping build communities of healing and reconciliation.*

## **Invitation to the Offering**

Love becomes visible through action.  
As we offer our gifts today,  
we commit ourselves not only to words of welcome,  
but to lives shaped by justice,  
hospitality,  
and solidarity.

**May these gifts help nurture communities where all people may  
live,  
worship,  
and flourish in safety and dignity.**

*(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:** MV 138 *My Love Colours Outside the Lines*

- 1 My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**
  
- 2 My God colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.  
We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking  
from time to time.  
And we'll never move the grave-stones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**
  
- 3 My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries  
where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.  
We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking  
from time to time.  
And we'll never move the grave-stones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

### **Offering Prayer**

Generous God,  
receive these gifts  
and receive our lives.

Use them to build communities of compassion,  
to strengthen voices for justice,  
and to create spaces of belonging and healing.

**May our church continue growing  
into the inclusive and courageous community  
you call us to be.**

**In the name of the Triune God: Creator, Christ and Spirit, we pray.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Thomas McKechnie

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

## **Sung Response: *MV 120 My Soul Cries Out (v. 1)***

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?**

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

### **Trinity-St. Paul's United Church**

Rosalind Morrow and family

Walter Whiteley and family

Greg and Vera Callaghan

### **Shining Waters Regional Council**

Collier Street United Church, Barrie

Trinity United Church, Malton

New Hope United Church, Concord

Pioneer Memorial United Church, Hillside

## **WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*We go committed not only to words of apology, but to lives shaped by courageous love and inclusion.*

**Hymn:** MV 145 *Draw the Circle Wide*

**Refrain** Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

- 1** God the still-point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms. *R*
  
- 2** Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call. *R*
  
- 3** Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door. *R*

**Benediction:**

Go now in the love of God,  
who creates diversity with delight.

**We go in the way of Christ,  
who stood beside the excluded  
and called them beloved.**

Go in the power of the Spirit,  
who continues to transform the church  
through truth,  
justice,  
courage,  
and compassion.

**May we become a people  
who do not merely speak apology,  
but live reconciliation.**

Now and always.

**Amen.**

## **Life and Works of the Congregation**

**Postlude:** *Draw the Circle Wide* by Mark Miller (Forte Chorus and TSP Choir, the Congregation joining in the Chorus)

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\*Sherryl writes: "nipîy (Water Song) was inspired by an afternoon of fishing along the Lesser Slave River on the Sawridge Cree Nation in Treaty 8 territory near Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada. It reflects a summer experience of sitting in quiet solitude, waiting for a fish to bite while noticing the river's movement and listening to the birds, the wind and the water with a busy beaver working nearby."

**\*With thanks to our musical guest, Forte Chorus** (Edward Connell, Artistic Director)

**UCC 2026 Pride Message by Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath:**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tH6JkGe3ME0>



## Upcoming Dates:

### June

- June 28: Pay Rent Sunday with Rev. Carmen Lansdowne
- June 29: Noon Hour Concert @ TSP

### July

- Bloor & TSP Worship at TSP

### August

- Bloor & TSP Worship at St. Matthew's
- *Church Office closed August 1-17*

### Fall 2026 (*looking ahead...*):

- September 13: Welcome Back Sunday
- September 20: Church Calendar Planning Meeting
- October 4: West Wing Workshop

## 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.

## Summer Worship Schedule

There will be changes to our worship in July and August as we head into the summer months. In July, Bloor Street congregation will join TSP for worship. ***In August, TSP will join Bloor Street at St. Matthew's United Church (729 St. Clair Ave W) at 10:30am.***

## Staff Summer Holidays & Office Closures

***Hewitt will take his summer holiday from August 1-31st this year.*** During this time, Rev. Douglas Du Charme will provide pastoral care. ***The Church Office will be closed from August 1-17th as Sarah takes her summer break.***

## TSP Finances April 2026 Update

As part of our shared commitment to stewardship, we invite you to celebrate the generosity that sustains our congregation's life and ministry. As of the end of April,

our year-to-date revenue is \$106,148 and our expenses are \$117,526, resulting in a deficit/shortfall of \$11,378. We remain thankful for the many ways you invest your time, talents, prayers, and financial gifts in our shared mission. If you are able, please consider making an additional one-time gift to help close this gap and strengthen the ministries that nourish our community and extend care beyond our walls. A copy of the detailed financial statement is available from our Treasurer, Bob. Thank you, TSP!

## Noon Hour Concert - June 29, 12pm

29 June 12 pm - At Trinity St-Paul's, a Noon Hour Concert in the sanctuary (Pay what you can). Performances by TSP choir instrumentalists, and organ demonstration by Deborah Park. Donations support TSP's Out of the Cold sandwich making, distributed by Saint Luke's UC.



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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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