



TRINITY ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
FAITH JUSTICE ARTS



June 28, 2026
Pay Rent Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Heart Garden Ceremony

Opening Prayer with Smudging	Sandra Campbell and Danielle Migwams
Drum Song	Sandra Campbell
Sharing of her work with Toronto Urban Native Ministry	Sandra Campbell
Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory	Marjie Calla
Planting of the Hearts	

We move into the Sanctuary for the rest of the service. Sandra and Dani will drum as we walk into the Sanctuary.

Gathering Words of Welcome

John Olthuis

Lighting of the Christ & Community Candles

Lois Kunkel

We light this Christ candle, for the One who sees not as the world sees.

Shine in us your love and truth.

We light this community candle for this community and all the communities of our belonging

Make us one in justice, joy, peace and reconciliation.

Hymn: MV 141 *We are all one people*

**1, 2 We are all one people,
we all come from one Creation way on high.
We are all one nation
under one great sky, you and I.
We are all one people,
we are all one colour in God's eyes
Weh yah heh yah, weh yah heh yah,
heh yah. Weh yah weh yah weh yoh heh.
Weh heh yah heh yah, weh yah weh yah,
heh yah. Weh yah weh yah weh yoh heh.
Weh yah yah heh heh weh yah, Weh yah heh yah,
Weh yah hoh heh, Weh yah yah hoh
heh yoh heh heh yah heh yoh.**

(Repeat for verse 2)

**3. We are all one people,
we are all one nation,
we are all one colour if we try.**

Prayer of Confession

Led by Lois Kunkel

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of Canada
and celebrate their wise and grateful relationship to you
and to all of your creation.

**Turn us towards gratitude,
and encircle us with your grace.**

We remember the pain of Indigenous Peoples.

Land stolen. Cultures destroyed. Children taken and parents left behind.
We have heard the stories of broken families
and the generations of pain and trauma that this has caused.

**Turn us towards honesty
and encircle us with your truth.
Turn us towards lament
and encircle us with your compassion.**

Creator God,
we seek your forgiveness, and that of our sisters and brothers,
for the many ways that Indigenous Peoples have suffered
and continue to suffer.

For the ways we have, knowingly or unknowingly,
contributed to that suffering.

And for the ways we have benefitted from it.

**Turn us towards repentance
and encircle us with your forgiveness.**

We pray for the many inequities and injustices that persist -
loss of land, lack of access to clean water, violence against women -
and we commit ourselves to work for change.

**Turn us towards justice
and encircle us with your courage.**

Confident of your promise of love and forgiveness,
we strive for a circle - whole and holy -
where all of your people have a place and voice
and where your dream of justice is revealed.

**Turn us toward mutuality and respect
and encircle us with your wholeness and love.**

This we pray in the name of the One who liberates us all.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Passing of the Peace

*(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: *Mathi Mamawi Nikamotan* (Let Us Sing Together) by Sherryl Sewepagaham (TSP Choir & Bathurst Choir, Indigenous drum: Adam Mason)

WE GROW IN FAITH

Introduction to the Scripture

Janet Haddock

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Introduction of The Very Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

John Olthuis

Sermon: “What the Land Remembers”

The Very Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

Silent Reflection

WE GIVE AND PRAY

Offering Invitation

The Pay Rent offering is collected in the sanctuary using the envelopes included in your bulletin, or using e-transfer with a note indicating your offering is for ‘Pay Rent’. All offerings are split between the Native Men’s Residence (Na-Me-Res) and the Native Women’s Centre.



Offertory Hymn: MV 174 *Soil of God, You and I* (Holy Ground)

- 1 Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care. Growing in everyone for here God is found. All stand together, we are Holy ground.**

- 2 Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be part of God's promise, for others to see. Open to everyone for here God is found. All stand together, we are Holy ground.**

- 3 Soil of God, you and I, now called to re-birth, joining as partners with all of the earth. Living in harmony for here God is found. All stand together, this is Holy ground.**

Offering Prayer

Together we pray -

**Our offering is a symbol of our willingness
to invest our time
and our best efforts
to bring God's vision for justice to life.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Joanne Clarke

WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD

Closing Hymn: MV 217 *Hey Ney Yana*

Refrain

**Hey ney yana, hey ney yana,
hey ney yana, hey ya hey yo,
hey ya hey yo.**

- 1 I walk in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,
I talk in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,
I sing of beauty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo. *Refrain.***

- 2 I leave in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,
I sleep in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,
I dream of beauty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo. *Refrain.*

Life and Works of the Community

Benediction

Postlude: *Hózhó (Balance and Beauty)* by Connor Chee*

Join us in the Garden for bannock and coffee prepared by Sandra Campbell and Bathurst United Church. All are welcome!

*“Hózhó’ for Organ Solo presents a musical search for balance and beauty. This piece was inspired by the traditional Diné (Navajo) concept of Hózhó. At times, the music is unbalanced in form and meter, but seeks to return to a more harmonious state. The melodic content that opens the piece is presented again at the end, but in retrograde. This symbolizes a balanced idea that surrounds the rest of the (sometimes unbalanced) musical content. It returns the listener to the beginning of the piece with a melody that is in essence the same, but transformed during the experience.” - Connor Chee



Upcoming Dates:

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.***

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