



TRINITY ST. PAUL'S 
UNITED CHURCH
FAITH JUSTICE ARTS

July 12th, 2026 - 10:30 am
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Joint Summer Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

"We gather like seeds held gently in God's hands, ready to be planted in wonder."

Prelude: *Air in D Major* from the Orchestral Suite No. 3, BWV 1068, by J. S. Bach
(Bassist: George Koller)

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Dan Main

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge with gratitude that we meet on the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation....

As our feet rest upon this holy ground, may we honour the wisdom of those who have cared for it since time beyond memory.

May we continue walking the path of truth, reconciliation, and right relationship with Indigenous Peoples, while tending the soil with humility, gratitude, and hope.

Lighting of the Christ & Community Candles

As the summer sun rises each day, it warms the earth, nourishes the soil, and awakens life hidden beneath the surface.

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Together, may we become a community rooted in hope, growing in compassion, and reflecting God's love wherever we are planted.

May these lights remind us that the Light of Christ shines within us and among us, calling us to nurture life, seek justice, and walk gently upon the earth. (Candles are lit)

Words of Welcome

Gathering Words:

The earth is full of God's goodness.

The fields sing with abundance.

The rivers rejoice.

The forests clap their hands.

The summer soil reminds us that life is always growing.

We come to worship the One who waters the earth.

We come to be rooted in wonder.

We come with grateful hearts.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: *This Is God's Wondrous World (VU 296)*

**1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

2 This is God's wondrous world:

the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Opening Prayer

Silence

Words of Grace & Passing of the Peace:

The Holy One continues to cultivate mercy where fear has taken root,
hope where discouragement has grown,
and love where division has flourished.

We are loved beyond measure.

We are forgiven.

We are invited to begin again.

May Christ's peace, growing quietly like a summer garden, take root among us.

Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

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.)

Anthem: *The Call from Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (Baritone Solo: Charlie Sadler)

WE GROW IN FAITH

"In the quiet work of the Spirit, faith grows deep roots before it bears visible fruit."

Introduction to the Scripture

Scripture: Psalm 65:5-13(Inclusive Bible)

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *"Sacred Summer Soil: Rooted in Wonder"*

Silent Reflection

WE GIVE & PRAY

"Gratitude blossoms when hearts rooted in God's love become hands that serve."

Offering Invitation

(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 174 *Soil of God, You and I*

- 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

**Loving One,
May all that we offer today
bear fruit for your kin-dom,
bringing hope wherever hope is needed,
healing wherever hearts are weary,
and welcome wherever strangers seek belonging.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lisa Walter

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

Sung Response: MV 79 "Spirit, open my heart" (chorus)

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

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

Trinity-St. Paul's & Bloor Street

Rineke Nieuwstraten

Greg and Vera Callaghan

In our ongoing prayer cycle:

Pat and Skip Shand, Rhondda Smiley, Kay Smythe, Andy Spears, Cyrus Spears

For healing and transformation:

Alex Louf, Karl Shuler

Shining Waters Regional Council
Trinity United Church, Newmarket
Saint Luke's United Church, Toronto
St. James United Church, Etobicoke
Royal York Road United Church, Toronto

WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD

"Go as living gardens of God's grace, bringing hope wherever life longs to bloom."

Closing Hymn: VU 291 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (vv. 1-3, 5)

- 1** Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.
*R All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

- 2** The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; *R*

- 3** The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. *R*

- 5** God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. *R*

Benediction

Life and Works of the Congregation

Postlude: *Berceuse Romantique*, Op.9 by Fritz Kreisler (Bass Solo: George Koller)



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.***

Sunday September 6th Worship will be online only

On Sunday September 6th, we will meet online for worship for a virtual service using our regular Zoom link. There will be no in-person worship at TSP on Sunday, September 6th.

Looking ahead to Fall 2026...Please note the following dates for Fall 2026 and mark your calendars:

- **Sunday September 13:** Welcome Back Sunday & Hewitt's One Year Anniversary at TSP
- **Sunday September 20:** Church Calendar Planning Meeting (*All Circle/Committee Chairs and those planning events in the 2026-2027 year are asked to attend this annual planning meeting*).
- **Sunday October 4:** West Wing Workshop (More info to come)

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