



TRINITY ST. PAUL'S 
UNITED CHURCH
FAITH JUSTICE ARTS

July 19th, 2026 – 10:30 am
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
Joint Summer Worship with Bloor Street

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

God's mercy gathers us like waves returning faithfully to the shore.

Prelude: *Clarinet Sonata in B-Flat Major: II. Adagio cantabile* by Johann Baptist Vanhal
(Clarinet: Dan Main, Piano: Jill McKechnie)

Words of Welcome

Hymn: VU 710 *Shall We Gather at the River* (v. 1)

- 1** **Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?**
 **Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Laurie Gordon

As we gather for worship...

As the waters continually embrace the shore, may God's mercy continually embrace all peoples.

May we grow in right relationship with Indigenous Peoples, care for the waters and lands that sustain us, and become people whose lives reflect the Great Spirit's mercy for all creation.

Lighting of the Christ & Community Candles

Every summer morning...

We light the Community Candle, giving thanks that this community is called to become another wave of mercy, bringing compassion to the lonely, hope to the discouraged, justice to the forgotten, and welcome to all.

**May these lights remind us that God's mercy is never exhausted.
Like the waves upon the shore, it keeps coming, renewing us and
sending us to renew the world.**

(Candles are lit)

Hymns: VU 217 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (v. 1-2)

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**
- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

VU 380 *She Comes Sailing on the Wind* (v. 1-3)

- 1 Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,**

like a mother breathing life into her child.

2 Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts
found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.

R She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

3 To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would
never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Opening Prayer

Silence

Words of Grace & Passing of the Peace:

Hear the good news...

In Jesus Christ we are loved.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we offer the peace of mercy to each other.

(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

Mercy shapes the heart as water shapes the shoreline, patiently, gently, continually.

Introduction to the Scripture

Scripture: Psalm 86:11–17 (Inclusive Bible)

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah* Traditional Spirituals, arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman (Octet)

Sermon: *"Summer Shore: Waves of Peace"*

Silent Reflection

WE GIVE & PRAY

The mercy we receive becomes the mercy we share.

Offering Invitation:

As we give today, we are reminded that each act of generosity becomes another wave of mercy reaching into the lives of others.

As God has been generous with us, we now offer our gifts so that hope may flourish, neighbours may be welcomed, justice may grow, and Christ's compassion may be known in this community and beyond.

(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 Hymns: VU 266 *Amazing Grace* (v.1, 3, 5)

- 1 **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved and strengthened me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

- 3 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

MV 144 Like a Healing Stream (v. 1-2, 4)

- 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.**
- 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.**

Offering Prayer

**Merciful God,
Again and again,
you come to us with steadfast love.
Receive these gifts
and receive our grateful lives.
May they become waves of compassion,
bringing comfort to the lonely,
justice to the oppressed,**

welcome to the stranger,
and hope to all who long for peace.
Shape us by your mercy,
until our lives reflect the love of Christ
wherever we go.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lina Medaglia

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:

Bev Stager, Beth Symes, Liz Tinker, Maria Torres

For healing and transformation:

Karl Shuler

Shining Waters Regional Council

Fairlawn Avenue United Church, Toronto

Trinity-St. Paul's United Church Toronto

Toronto Urban Native Ministry

Trillium United Church, Caledon

WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD

Go as people whose lives carry the steady rhythm of God's compassion into the world.

Closing Hymn: VU 675 *Will Your Anchor Hold*

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?

**When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. R**
- 3 It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil. R**
- 4 When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore. R**

Benediction

Life and Works of the Congregation

Postlude: *Psalm 19* by Benedetto Marcello

Sermon Illustration: *No Jets T.O.*



Summer Worship Schedule

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.

Benevolent Fund

We are delighted to announce the restoration of Trinity-St. Paul's Benevolent Fund. Administered through the Minister's office, this fund enables us to respond to members of our congregation and neighbours who are experiencing financial hardship or unexpected need. If you would like to support this ministry, you are invited to make a designated gift. Simply let our minister, Hewitt or our Treasurer, Bob,

know of your intention when making your contribution.

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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