

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

**August 16, 2020**



*Illustration by Ryan Garcia*

**We acknowledge that we meet and live  
on the traditional territories of the  
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

**We give thanks for their care for the land  
over thousands of years and  
for their deep spirituality and  
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation  
and in harmony with our neighbours.**



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**LIBERATION**

*We Welcome All who Worship with us this morning*

**PRELUDES:** Invocation

John Marsh

**WELCOME**

**LIFE AND ACTION OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** "Unique Teachers"

**CENTRING TIME: MV85<sup>1</sup>** (chanted 3X)

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what shall I be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**HYMN: VU236<sup>2</sup>** "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God, with heart,  
and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Bible Encounter 101**

**Solo: VU377 v.2**

**Stories to Share**

**PSALM 139 VU861<sup>3</sup>**

*Refrain:* **God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through**

O God, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You discern my path and the places I rest;  
you are familiar with all my ways.**

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely.  
You guard me from behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery;  
I cannot fathom it. R**

Where can I escape from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;**

**if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.**

If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,

**there also your hand will be guiding me**

**your powerful hand holding me fast.**

If I say, 'Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,'

**even darkness is not dark to you:**

**the night is as bright as the day,**

**for darkness is as light to you. R**

It was you who formed my inward parts;

you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.**

**Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you

when I was being fashioned in secret,

intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

**Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;**

**in your book my every day was recorded;**

**all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be. R**

How deep your designs are to me, O God!

How great their number!

**I try to count them but they are more than the sand.**

**I come to the end - I am still with you.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**test me and know my thoughts.**

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error

**and guide me in the everlasting way. R**

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 15: 21-28

**REFLECTION:** “Freedom from what and FOR what?”

**HYMN: VU312<sup>4</sup>** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love, and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
God whose grace shall never cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:  
friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:  
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
This the world shall see reflected:  
God is One and One in Three.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**HANDBELL ANTHEM:** “The Water is Wide”

Judy Philips

**HYMN: VU310<sup>5</sup>** “God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty”

God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew;  
with your Spirit recreate me pure, and strong, and true.

Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure;  
like your rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.

Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free;  
like the straightness of the pine trees let me upright be.

Like the arching of the heavens lift my thoughts above;  
turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.

Like the birds that soar while singing, give my heart a song;  
may the music of thanksgiving echo clear and strong.

God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew;  
keep me ever by your Spirit pure, and strong, and true.

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Postlude in E-flat Caleb Simper; arr. Michael Ryan

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Karla Buckborough, Worship Leader; Debbie Fingas, Guest Musician; Jubilate Junior Handbell Choir, Dave Freeman, Technical Production.

## **Thank You**

We have appreciated having Debbie Fingas from Trinity United in Cobourg and all of the guest musicians over the past three weeks.

## **UPCOMING: After Worship Coffee Hour via ZOOM Today at 11:15 am**

Bring your own coffee or other beverage or snack,  
pull up a chair at home by your computer, TV or tablet  
and have a chat with others in the Trinity family.  
Hosted by Joanna MacQuarrie.



## **Credits:**

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