

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

**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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Pentecost 13

Welcome to all.

*May this time of worship touch our hearts and minds
and offer hope and promise for the days to come*

PRELUDE: Variations on “Sine Nomine” Richard Proulx

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP/ANTHEM “Jesus Call Us o’er the Tumult”
Holden-Holloway

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Eternal God, this is sacred time.
In this hour of worship
we turn our minds away from
“to do” lists and routines.
Here we would focus on greater matters,
on what You identify as important.
Guide us, O God. Shape Us. Empower us.
Renew our spirits and our commitment
to seek your guidance regularly,
to hear your wisdom
and to be changed by it.
Forgive us, loving Creator,
for the times when our actions
do not reflect our faith.
Forgive us for selfishness, for greed, for impatience.
Forgive us for judging others too quickly or harshly.
In our dealings with one another
and with the natural world,
may we be inspired by your grace,
your generosity and your justice. Amen.

WORD OF GRACE

HYMN: MV145¹ “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.

God the still-point of the circle,
‘round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever,
in God’s gracious arms. R

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God’s call. R

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 1: 1; 10-20

EPISTLE READING: James 1: 19-27

REFLECTION: “*Is Religion a Burden to God?*”

COMTEMPORARY WITNESS: “If this time...” Kevin McCormack

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (VU916)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth Maker, Pain Bearer, Life Giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
By all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and for ever. Amen

HYMN: VU649² “Walk with Me”

Refrain: Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

When Moses heard the call of God
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'
But God told Moses, 'You're the one
to set my people free.' R

Now Peter was a most unlikely
man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness
and he became the Rock. R

Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door. R

And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. R

COMMISSIONING

SUNG BLESSING: VU962³

May the blessing of God go before you.
May God's grace and peace abound.
May God's Spirit live within you.
May God's love wrap you 'round.
May God's blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.

POSTLUDE: Postlude on “Sine Nomine” Charles Callahan

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy,
Minister of Music and Scott McMichael, Worship Leader.

Credits:

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Be doers of the word
and not hearers only.”

James 1: 22 RSV

“Hope is a course of action,
a combination of mind and heart.”

Kevin McCormack,

Poetry, Podcasting & Pondering

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: American composer Richard Proulx set the tune in his Variations on "Sine Nomine". The five movements are: a majestic "Trio", a stately "Canon", a rhythmic little "Gigue", a beautiful "Chorale" in the style of Vaughan Williams, and ending with a grand "Fugato" beginning in a minor key but ending triumphantly on a G major chord.

POSTLUDE: To conclude this All Saints and Anniversary Sunday, I've chosen another setting of the hymn "For All the Saints", this one by American composer Charles Callahan. His Postlude on this tune was written especially for Ray and Beth Chenault, a famous organ-duo husband and wife. The piece opens with a statement of the tune, followed by imitative entries. Each phrase of the tune is treated in a similar fashion, ending with a series of block chords imitating one of the hymn's phrases.

OFFERING

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