

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

**August 23, 2020**



**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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**The New Normal**

*We Welcome All who Worship with us this morning*

**PRELUDES:** “Be Still My Soul” Jean Sibelius; arr. John Purifoy

**WELCOME  
LIFE AND ACTION OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH  
MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**CENTRING TIME: MV14<sup>1</sup>** (chanted 3X)

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**HYMN: VU227<sup>2</sup>** “For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Bible Encounter 101**  
**Solo: VU377 v.2**  
**Stories to Share**

**PSALM 131: VU854**

*Refrain: Be still, my soul, for God is on your side.*

O God, my heart is not proud;  
my eyes are not raised too high.  
**I do not occupy myself with matters too great for me,  
with marvels that are beyond me.**  
But I have stilled and quieted my soul  
like a weaned child nestling to its mother;  
like a child is my soul within me.  
**O Israel, hope in God,  
from this time forth and forevermore. R**

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 16: 13-20

**DUET:** “The Lord is My Shepherd” Henry Smart

**EPISTLE READING:** Romans 12: 12-17 The Message

**REFLECTION:** “Strength to Travel On”

**HYMN: VU639<sup>3</sup>** “One More Step Along the World I Go”

One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you:

*Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me: R

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you: R

You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you: R

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN: VU601**<sup>4</sup> "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all without reserve  
and spread Christ's liberating word.

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** "Gavotte" from "The Holberg Suite"

Edvard Grieg

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Lyn Braun, Worship Leader; Margaret Marris, Guest Musician; Judy McMichael, Mary Rawlings, Chris Freeman, Choir; Dave Freeman, Choir and Technical Production.

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