

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

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**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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Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome to all.

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

PRELUDE: Partita on “Carlisle” Robert Grandy

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHOIR INTROIT: “O Gladsome Light” Walter MacNutt

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

CENTRING TIME

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN: VU103¹ (v. 1,3,5) “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

Fulfiller of the past
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see!

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but, since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

TIME for the YOUNG AT HEART: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9: 1-9

REFLECTION: “What’s That You Say?”

HYMN: VU509² “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Rachel Aarons

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Hymn: VU 477 v 2

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

Great Thanksgiving:

Minister: The Spirit of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Gracious God,
we yearn for a new creation,
one which reflects the creation,
which you first bestowed upon us,
a life of wholeness and of integrity.

**All: O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**

Minister: Once we were given the world to care for,
....of welcome and of embrace for the stranger.

**All : O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

Minister: People didn't listen well.
Instead,
....you sent us Jesus, who modeled a different life.

**All: The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.**

Minister: Jesus brought us to his table,

showing us how to be one though many.
(Words of Institution)

We remember saying:
"Take this and eat; this is my body."

Then he took the cup,saying,
"..... Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Minister: We come, then,
to this special table,
to this place of communion
for Christians the world over.

**All: We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.**

Minister: God of loving kindness,
....as your family gathered at table,
ready to do your will in Jesus' name.

**All: O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will live no more,
and all but love will cease.**

Minister: And now, like children racing into their mother's
arms we say together:

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Elements

Motet: "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord" Robert Grandy
(Soloist: Karla Buckborough)

Prayer After Communion (In Unison)

**O God our hope and our healing:
once again nourished at your table,
we rejoice in the persuasive power of your love.
Supported by your strong hand,**

**grant that we might have the courage
to take the cautious steps toward loving one another
and the audacious steps toward loving
the world you so love.**

**This we ask in the name of Jesus,
who showed us how to dance
in the light of your love. Amen**

HYMN: VU104³ “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN: VU967

POSTLUDE: Postlude on “Abbott’s Leigh”

Robert J. Powell

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie, Robert Grandy, Minister of Music, Scott McMichael, Worship Leader, Covid Choir: Dave & Chris Freeman, Jane & Peter Darling, Margaret Marris, Barb Diceman, Karla Buckborough, Glynis Hilton-Devitt and Wendy Price-Brown. Technical Production: Dave Freeman.

Credits:

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Education is as much a cradling of the soul
as it is a feeding of the mind.”

- Geoff Shaw, in Paynter (ed), Growing Hope, 2006, Wild Goose,
Feb 12

TODAY’S MUSIC

PRELUDE: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we will be singing the hymn “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”. Once again, I did not have many preludes based on this hymn, so you will be hearing the premiere of my Partita on “Carlisle”. A “partita” is simply a collection of musical pieces; in this case, all based on one hymn. After the original hymn is played you will hear a set of short but increasingly dense variations.

Monologue: an embellished and relaxed unison setting of the melody;

Duo: a two-part setting, with rapid ascending and descending passages;

Trio: a three-part arrangement for three different organ stops;

Quartet: a four-part setting for strings, with the tune plainly heard on a flute stop on the pedal, but sounding two octaves higher;

Quintet: a lilting five-part setting, with the tune in the top voice, and part of the tune “Abbot’s Leigh” in the pedals;

Hymn: a majestic reharmonization of the tune.

On this Valentine’s Day, I’m dedicating this new work to my wife Barb, for all her love and support over the years.

INTROIT: “O Gladsome Light” is a short anthem using a 3rd century Greek hymn in a Robert Bridges translation, by the late Canadian organist and composer Walter MacNutt (1910-1996). A student of Healey Willan, MacNutt served as choirmaster and organist at various Anglican churches in Barrie, Toronto, Charlottetown, Winnipeg and Windsor. His best-known and last

position was at St. Thomas', Huron Street, Toronto where he held the post from 1954 to 1977. His compositional output include works for choir, voice, orchestra and organ. MacNutt's anthem is a setting of the first and last stanza of this ancient hymn.

O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father's face, the eternal splendor wearing; Celestial, holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing. To thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs, O Son of God, Life-giver; Thee, therefore, O Most High, the world doth glorify and shall exalt forever.

ANTHEM: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" is a perfect text for this Transfiguration Sunday. Virginia-based composer Rachel Aarons' jubilant setting of this Charles Wesley text abounds with rhythmic vitality. The sprightly independent organ part adds a special sparkle to the sung text. The middle verse however truly captures the "dark, cheerless and joyless" aspect of that particular verse.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Also brand new today is my short setting of the familiar "Taste and See" text from Psalm 22. "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord" features a soloist singing verses while the choir sings a repeated refrain. Our soloist today is Karla Buckborough.

POSTLUDE: American organist and composer Robert J. Powell (b. 1932) has been involved in church musician since the fifth grade. He now has over 300 compositions in print, for organ, choir, handbells and instruments. His setting of the tune "Abbot's Leigh" (a hymn we also will be singing today) is from his collection "Three New Hymn Settings for Organ", published in 1997. After a shorty introduction, the hymn-tune is clearly heard in the top voice over running eighth notes. This is also the hymn, the first and last lines of which I sneak into the Quintet part of my "Partita" this morning.

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Random Acts of Kindness Day is Wednesday, February 17. Here are some options to help make this day special for someone.

- Pay for the car behind you at a drive-through
- Cook a meal for someone
- Thank your local police or fire department
- Hold the door open for someone
- Take canned goods to a food bank
- Donate blood

Happy
Valentine's
Day