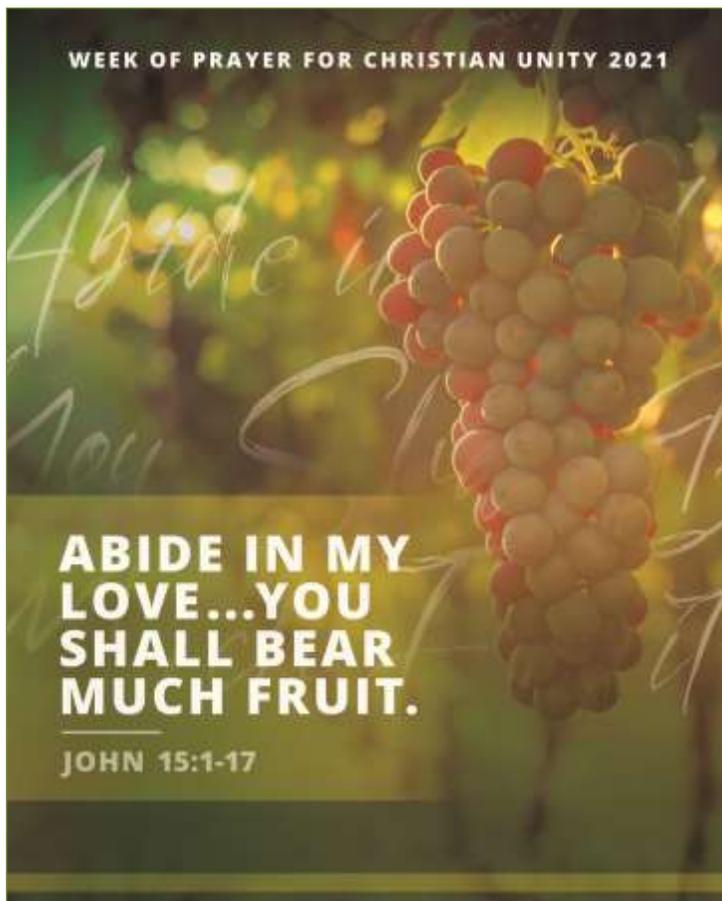


**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

January 24, 2021



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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.**



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
January 24, 2021
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Welcome to all.

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

PRELUDE: Prelude on Verses from Psalm 139

Cyril S. Christopher

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHOIR INTROIT: "Almighty and Everlasting God"

Orlando Gibbons

WELCOME

**LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH
GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (Responsively)

Leader: The snow drifts around the door,
ice reaches out into the lake,
the wind blows across the fields
and there is a freshness and vitality to our world.

**People: We move through the changing seasons
and experience each in its time.**

Leader: This is God's world, with songs and sounds,
life and light, challenge and change.

People: We rejoice in God our Creator.

All: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN: VU402² "We Are One"

We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.

We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

TIME for the YOUNG AT HEART

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

PSALM 139: VU861

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: Mark 1: 16 -20

REFLECTION: *"Bound by One Vision"*

HYMN: MV178³ "Who Is My Mother"

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
all those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, cultures enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us, colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
were is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Grant Us Your Peace" Felix Mendelssohn

A NEW CREED

We are not alone,
we live in God's world
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN: VU602⁴ "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love in God's eternal day.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Fugue in D – from Sonata #6 Felix Mendelssohn

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

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TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: Today's prelude by Dr. Cyril S. Christopher "gives musical expression to the sentiments of Psalm 139", as quoted in the musical score. This piece illustrates two verses of the Psalm:" Verse 1 (O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me) and Verse 17 (How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!) Dr. Christopher (1897-1979) was a British organist and composer of mainly church music. This expressive "Psalm Prelude" was published in 1957, and dedicated to Charles Waters, a fellow composer and organist. At one of Christopher's churches, someone recalled that he used to place a hanky on the organ bench so that he could "slide up and down better". Worth a try, I suppose.

INTROIT: "Almighty and Everlasting God" by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) is a Tudor/Jacobean gem from the English Renaissance period. The text is the traditional Collect (or prayer) for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. This beautiful example of polyphony (where two or more simultaneous but relatively independent melodic lines are heard) is one of Gibbons' little four-voice masterpieces.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: "Grant Us your Peace" is a three-part arrangement of an anthem by the great Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). Although there is an amazing wealth of music by Mendelssohn, we would have so much more amazing music had his life not been cut short at the age of 38 by a series of strokes! This flowing and gentle anthem reminds us that the Lord is indeed our rock and firm foundation.

Grant us your peace, O loving Lord, our Rock and firm foundation.

Our faith is in your excellent word, speaking to every nation, your promise of sure salvation.

POSTLUDE: Continuing with Mendelssohn, you will hear the Fugue in D Minor, from his Organ Sonata #6. This Sonata is based on the old German hymn-tune "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above". The first eight notes of the fugue are loosely taken from the first line of the hymn – a hymn which I will play first to give the fugue some context.

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