

**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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**Indigenous Day of Prayer**

*Welcome to all.*

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

**PRELUDE:** “Canto”

“ Reflection on Psalm 72”

Derek Healey  
Douglas Wagner

**WELCOME**

**LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR KINSHIP**

One: Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

**All: We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.**

One: It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land?that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

**All: Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives! It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.**

One: And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

**OPENING HYMN: MV135<sup>1</sup> “Called by Earth and Sky”**

Refrain

Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

*After last verse, repeat twice more;  
called by earth and sky.*

Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free.  
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,  
our gathering and our grace.

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land.  
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,  
Creation's faithful song.

Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,  
our faith and justice one.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Holy One, you are our rock,  
a foundation upon which we stand.  
Fill our hearts now with joy at your deep, abiding presence.  
Encourage us by the teachings of Christ to live  
with care and compassion for self, friend, and neighbour.  
Bless us now as we reflect on our relations  
with Indigenous peoples? our kin?  
as diverse yet united peoples. Amen.

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: Being a Good Neighbour**

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 1: 26-27

Matthew 22: 34-40

**MEDITATION: “Finding Neighbours Everywhere”**

**HYMN: MV173<sup>2</sup> “Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”**

Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong yet tender hands,  
held out in trust and blessing.  
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,  
the heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship,  
stay with faith in touch with those around you.  
Put peace into each other's hands;  
the Peace that sought and found you.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### CLOSING HYMN: VU691<sup>3</sup> "Though Ancient Walls"

Though ancient walls may still stand proud  
and racial strife be fact,  
though boundaries may be lines of hate,  
proclaim God's saving act!

*Refrain:* Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!

When vested power stands firm entrenched  
and breaks another's back,  
when waste and want live side by side,  
it's Gospel that we lack. R

This broken world seeks lasting health  
and vital unity.  
God's people by God's Word renewed,  
cast off all slavery! R

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: As God's united yet diverse peoples, we go to become  
neighbours to each other and to the earth.

**All: to share generously with each other.**

One: As we learn more, respect more, love more, we all can  
gain, not lose!

**All: God as Creator will be our rock. Christ and Spirit be  
our guides.**

## POSTLUDE: "The Power of the Snake" from Amerind Suite

Henry Cowell

The service this morning was prepared by the United Church of Canada. Read Sherman is minister of Trinity United Church in Montreal and participates in right relations work in Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

No one can paddle two canoes at the same time.

- Bantu proverb

## TO MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Notice of a Congregational Meeting to be held  
at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23 via Zoom

Purpose:

- To receive the resignation of a Trustee.
- To decide on directions for the future of the congregation and of the Trinity property.

For further information, please see the mailings, which you received prior to the May 26 Information Gathering and the June 10 Discussion Gathering.

The link to register for the meeting will be emailed out on June 18. Those without email will be contacted.

Please direct questions re possible directions being discussed to:

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1. Cheques placed in secure mailbox beside main door of church
2. PAR (pre-authorized remittance monthly). Contact church

office and they will make arrangements.

3. Electronically through e-transfer or by using Canada Helps, a Canadian not-for-profit organization. Just go to Trinity's web page <http://trinitypeterborough.com> and click on the 'Donate Now' button located at the upper right hand side of the page. Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt in Trinity's name.
4. Send your donation via e-transfer.

## TODAY'S MUSIC

### PRELUDE:

On this National Indigenous People's Sunday, you are going to hear two pieces inspired by indigenous music. First you will hear Canadian composer Derek Healey's tender "Canto", based on an Ojibway Song. Hollow-sounding chords might illustrate the open spaces of native land, while the two fast descending passages might illustrate birds swooping down to the ground. The pedals imitate a native drum. More indigenous inspired music at the Postlude. The second prelude is a short reflection on Psalm 72 by the prolific American composer Douglas Wagner. His Reflection illustrates musically the third verse of the psalm:

*The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.* This work is generally peaceful with the shape of the melodies representing mountains and hills.

**POSTLUDE:** My other nod to National Indigenous People's Sunday is the first movement, "The Power of the Snake" from "Amerind Suite", written in 1939 by the pioneering American composer Henry Cowell. He developed and was the leading exponent of the "tone cluster", a grouping of notes on the piano played simultaneously, some involving so many notes that the player's forearm must be used to play the chords. This Suite is built around the customs and ceremonials of the great tribes of the Southwestern United States. The themes are all original with the composer, but the style is that of indigenous music with its characteristic scales and rhythms. There are five different versions of each of the movements of the Suite. The first versions are very easy and each version becomes progressively more difficult. The performer may play the work as is, or may choose any number of the versions to play. Today you will hear the entire five versions of "The Power of the Snake", the symbol of all the magic strength of the Gods. The great power with which the snake coils is apparently taken by indigenous people as a symbol of the wheeling of the planets about their centre of energy, the sun.

