

June 28, 2020



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

**We acknowledge that we meet and live
on the traditional territories of the
Mississauga Anishnaabeg 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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4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

VU denotes Voices United: MV denotes More Voices

PRELUDES: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Brian Childers
(Shelley Evans, handbell soloist)
Prelude on "Holy Manna" Robert J. Powell

WELCOME

INTROIT: "God of Mercy, God of Grace" Jerry Davidson

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: VU427¹ "To Show by Touch and Word"

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10: 40-42

REFLECTION A: "Connecting" Jane Darling

HYMN: MV12² "Come Touch Our Hearts"

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds that teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments that we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
Come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come and touch us with your grace.

ANTHEM: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Mark Schweizer
(Shelley Evans and Karla Buckborough, handbells; Bob Grandy, drum)

REFLECTION B: "Memories of a Hospital Chaplain" Rev. John Taylor

PRAYER

HYMN: VU595³ "We Are Pilgrims on a Journey"

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: VU307⁴ "Touch the Earth Lightly"

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

COMMISSIONING

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU423

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE: Reflection #2 on "Slane"

Keith Kolander

O CANADA

Leading in worship today are Jane Darling, Worship & Sacraments; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Rev. John Taylor; Chris Freeman, Choir, Worship Leader; Wendy Brown, Choir; Karla Buckborough, Choir; Margaret Marris, Choir; Shelly Evans, Handbells and Dave Freeman, Choir, Technical Production.

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TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDES: The well-loved hymn "Be Thou My Vision" gets two varied treatments this morning. First, we hear a setting for handbell soloist and piano arranged by the American pianist, composer and clinician Brian Childers. His is a mainly gentle setting, written for a wedding celebration, rung this morning by Shelley Evans. The ringer's part includes the tune as well as some original music. (The other setting of the hymn will be heard at the Postlude.) The second prelude picks up the tune "Holy Manna", as will be heard in today's anthem. American composer Robert Powell's setting of this 1835 tune starts off softly, builds through a key change, and returns to the opening harmonies. The addition of the organ chimes adds a special touch at the end.

INTROIT: "God of Mercy, God of Grace" is a delightfully simple and short two-part anthem with a text by Henry Lyte and music by Professor Jerry Davidson from the United States. Although sounding like a hymn-tune from the southern States, Davidson's original melody for verse 1 is re-used in canon-form for the second verse.

*God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.*

*Let thy people praise thee, Lord, be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Saviour King;
Let all be below, above, one in joy, and light, and love.*

ANTHEM: Mark Schweizer's anthem "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" is a setting of the shape-note hymn-tune "Holy Manna", as heard in today's second Prelude. The text by Frederick Faber matches the simplicity and evangelical fervor of hymns by Cowper, Newton and the Wesleys. Scored for just two-part choir, handbells and drum, this setting also captures the simplicity of the text.

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Saviour; there is healing in His blood.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy
for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

POSTLUDE: The service concludes with a contemporary piano setting of "Be Thou My Vision" by the American composer Keith Kolander. His well-crafted contemplation is in a light jazz setting, using complex chords and popular rhythms.



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