

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

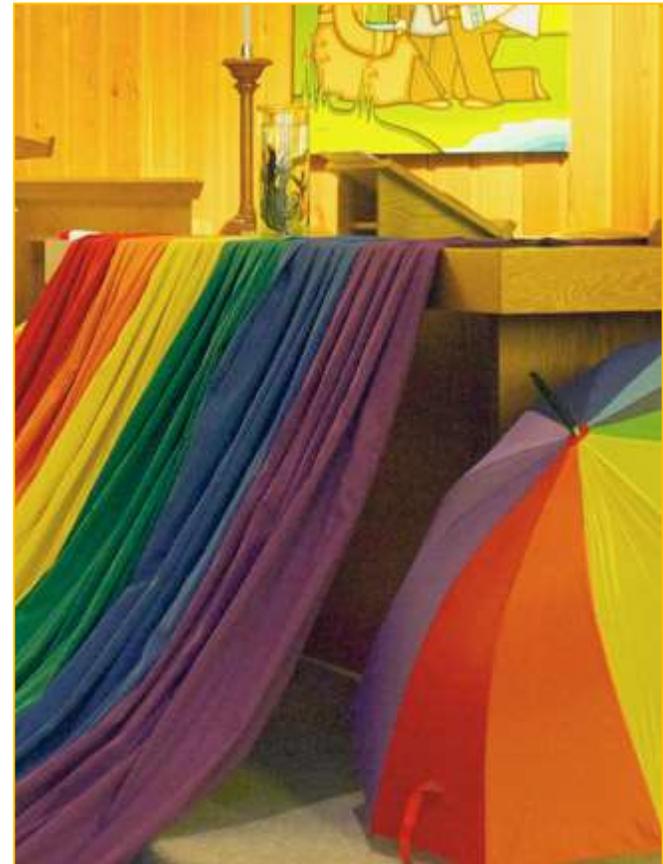
**We acknowledge that we meet and live
on the traditional territories of the
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

**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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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
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5th Anniversary of Affirming Congregation

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

PRELUDE: "O God of Love" John Corigliano
(arr. by Richard Dirksen)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME
LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Jane Darling

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ruth & Anne)

We who have gathered here are a part of the family.
We also know that the family is much bigger still.
There are people we don't understand, there are people we don't agree with,
there are people we don't like, there are people who don't like us.
We are challenged by God, to expand our vision of family,
until we see all of creation as one big family.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Ruth)

HYMN: VU395¹ "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART (Ruth)

PSALM 139: VU861

Refrain: God, you have search 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

CHOIR ANTHEM: "We Have Seen the Risen Lord" Stan Pethel

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10: 29-37

REFLECTION: "Who is My Neighbour?" Ruth and Anne Wood

HYMN: VU623² "Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design"

Dear weaver of our lives' design
whose patterns all obey,
with skillful fingers gently guide
the sturdy threads that will survive
the tangle of our days,
the tangle of our days.

Take up the fabric of our lives
with hands that gently hold;
bind in the ragged edge that care
would sunder and that pain would tear,
and mend our ravelling souls,
and mend our ravelling souls.

Let eyes that in the plainest cloth
a hidden beauty see

discern in us our richest hues,
show us the patterns we may use
to set our spirits free,
to set our spirits free.

AFFIRMATION³ (in unison)

We believe in God who has created
and who is creating,
who has dreamed all that is into being,
who is the heartbeat of creation.

We believe in God the Trinity,
together the Maker, Redeemer, Sustainer,
who constantly shows us the way
to become who we were created to be.
Who is perfect community
and the root of all that is.
Who is our refuge, our joy and our strength.

We believe in God who values us
and challenges us to bring the world
into inclusive community,
who brings justice and calls us to friendship.

We believe in the Kindom* of God:
that we and all creation are God's family
and are interdependent.

Each part is necessary to the whole.
If one part suffers or is shut out
the Kindom is not fully realised.
We believe that, in the face of divine love,
our call is to face the truth and not live a lie,
to live authentically:
to accept ourselves
and to fulfil our potential,
enabling others to do the same.

We are called to abundant life,
always going forward never harking back.
For God never restores
but always makes new.

**Kindom – 'a word issuing from Mujerista theology which means that we
are all kith and kin, brothers and sisters in the new creation.'*

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

HYMN: VU606⁴ "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Pasticcio"

Jean Langlais

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Rev. Ruth Wood, Anne Wood; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Jane Darling, Trinity Affirm; Dave & Chris Freeman, Covid Choir; and Dave Freeman, Technical Production.

Ruth & Anne Wood

Ruth Wood is a retired Designated Lay Minister. In 2010 she became one of the earliest United Church ministers to openly transition. She is the Chair of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake church council and the Past Chair of Kingston Pride.

Anne is retired after a varied career in medical research and office administration. She is the current Treasurer of Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble. They are both active advocates for the Transgender/Gender Non-Binary community in Kingston.

Anne and Ruth recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They have two children and six grandchildren. Anne loves photography and working with fabric. Ruth loves making things out of wood or metal. They both have survived the pandemic by taking long walks and practising mindfulness.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Some years ago it was popular in church youth circles to wear a WWJD bracelet. The letters stood for What Would Jesus Do. The bracelet was to remind the wearer that whenever they were uncertain how to act they could think about what Jesus would do and then do likewise. Most of us have no trouble figuring out what Jesus would do in a situation. The problem is figuring out how to convince ourselves to do it.

TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC

Today's musical selections and their composers were chosen to reflect the inclusive affirming message of Trinity United Church.

PRELUDE: John Corigliano (b. 1938) is an award-winning American composer of primarily instrumental, vocal and film music. "O God of Love" – A Meditation for Organ, was arranged by Richard Dirksen from Corigliano's opera *The Ghosts of Versailles*. In the opera, Marie Antoinette is praying the following words from her prison cell: "O God of love, O Lord of light, redeeming, embracing Saviour, thank you for this moment of peace." Corigliano's music here is not the usual introspective, meditative kind. It is full of heart-felt emotion and power. Dirksen's arrangement for the organ stays emotionally true to the original orchestral work. Corigliano is the husband of Mark Adamo, another American composer of mainly operas.

ANTHEM: "We Have Seen the Risen Lord" by Stan Pethel (b. 1950) illustrates several biblical stories of the resurrected Jesus, including today's Gospel reading from Luke about Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus. These resurrection scenes are powerfully depicted, using a repeated refrain.

In the darkness, in the quiet, we had come to anoint him; heavy hearted, drenched in sorrow, how could we live without him? Suddenly we saw there an angel all in white, then we knew that he had risen. We have seen the risen Lord, we have heard his gentle voice saying, "Be not afraid." We have felt his conquering power, known the glory of this hour, we have seen the risen Lord. We were walking to Emmaus, we were speaking about him; things had happened, we were helpless, there was no hope without him. Then another joined us, and strangely warmed our hearts, and we knew that he had risen. We have seen....

We were fishing, catching nothing, wondering what to do without him. In the misty light of morning, our lives were empty without him. Then a man called to us, standing on the shore, and we knew that he had risen. We have seen...

POSTLUDE: Visually-impaired individuals are just one of the many sectors in society who may feel marginalized these days, and we here at Trinity include them under the banner of our affirming designation. French organist and composer Jean Langlais (1907-1991) was blind from the age of two, yet he managed to study the organ, and become a well-respected teacher, church organist and recitalist. "Pasticcio" is the last number in his "Organ Book – Ten Pieces" which he wrote in 1956, as a wedding gift to the daughter of his first organ teacher. This rhythmic

work is a pastiche of early dance music, and has remained a popular selection for organists to this day.

OFFERING

Your donations are appreciated and used carefully to further Christ's work in the world. In these weeks, when gatherings are not possible, please make donations to Trinity UC and to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada by using Canada Helps, a Canadian not-for-profit organization. Cheques may also be placed in the secure mailbox located beside our main door under the covered portico.

For the duration of the 'Stay-at-Home' order, the office will remain closed. However the Minister and office staff are working from home and may still be reached at the above email addresses.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Earlier this week you should have received an email with a link to register for the [Congregational Meeting taking place on Thursday, June 10 at 5 p.m.](#)

Please make sure to register prior to June 8. If there are any questions, please call or email the church office.