

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

March 14, 2021



PIE DAY

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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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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to all.

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

PRELUDE: Pastorale and Fugue on “Galilee” Robert Grandy

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

SOLO INTROIT: “Gentle Words” (Margaret Marris, Contralto)
Words: Sister Polly M. Rupe Music: Carol McClure

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

HYMN: VU574¹ “Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Life”

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

CENTRING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES & SYMBOL PLACEMENT

MODERATOR VIDEO: PIE Day

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CHANT: MV85² (Chant 5X)

Take, O take me as I am: summon out what I shall be;
set up your seal upon my heart and live in me.

WORD OF GRACE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: VU740 Psalm 19

Refrain: Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,
and night shares its knowledge with night,**
and this without speech or language;
their voices are not heard.

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,
their words to the ends of the earth. R**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,
like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,
it runs its course to the other,
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. R**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;
**God's instruction is sure,
giving wisdom to the simple;**
God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;
**God's commandment is pure
giving light to the eyes;**
God's fear is clean, enduring forever;
**God's judgements are true,
every one of them righteous;**
more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;
**sweeter also than honey,
pure honey from the comb. R**

By them is your servant warned;
for in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can discern unwitting sins?
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the better of me.
Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence. R

**Let the words of my mouth
and the thoughts of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my strength and my redeemer.**

GOSPEL READING: John 3: 16-17

REFLECTION: "Inspiration Invited"

HYMN: MV145³ "Draw the Circle Wide"

Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. R

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;

let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. R
Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. R

PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM: "God So Loved the World" Sir John Stainer

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING: VU425⁴ (v1)

God, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through the wilderness.

POSTLUDE: Fanfare on "McKee" Matthew H. Corl

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

Credits:

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TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude: "A namby-pamby, childish style is most displeasing to children. It is surprising how soon they can understand and follow a high order of poetry." So wrote Cecil Frances Alexander in 1852, author of the hymn "Jesus Calls Us". She wrote many hymns for children to illuminate the Catechism. Twenty-two years later, the English organist and composer William H. Jude (1851-1922) wrote his tune "Galilee" especially for these words. It was first published in the 1887 edition of the Congregational Church Hymnal. Having no prelude on this tune in my own library, I decided to write a Pastorale and Fugue. The Pastorale has a slow lilting quality with the melody in the left hand under a steady stream of triplet eighth notes, representing the calm rippling waters of a lake. The Fugue however takes up the idea of the "wild restless sea" in the hymn, with the theme being a rhythmic variation of the tune, accompanied by short ascending and descending passages representing waves

Solo Introit: Written by Polly M. Rupe from the Pleasant Hill Shaker Community in Kentucky, this song's has a poetic beauty, including the last two lines which are a paraphrase of the Golden Rule from the Bible. It has become a meaningful song to those who feel the impact of its message of tolerance and speaking with "links of love" rather than "by words that are unkind."

Anthem: "God So Loved the World" lies at the heart of John Stainer's Victorian Passion meditation, The Crucifixion (1887). The words, chosen by the Rev. W.J. Sparrow-Simpson, from John's Gospel, illustrate the significance of the Passion story, while Stainer's simple, homophonic setting allows the text to speak clearly. Although the music is essentially tranquil, there is some disturbance here too: 'who so believeth in him should not perish'. Listen for the dying fall with which Stainer sets the word 'perish'.

Postlude: "In God There is No East or West" gets a rousing treatment in Matthew H. Corl's "Fanfare on McKee". Corl (b. 1965) is a Florida-based organist, composer and teacher. This majestic Fanfare opens with the principal stops of the organ, followed by the reeds and mixtures, eventually leading to a very thrilling conclusion.

OFFERING

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2. Cheques placed in secure mailbox beside main door of church

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Missive – the deadline for submissions for the Easter Missive will be Wednesday, March 24. Please remember to send us your Pancake Supper pictures or any other pictures that you may have taken this winter that show family activities or celebrations.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Trinity Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 11:15 am. The ACM will take place on Zoom and will also be available via telephone. During the meeting the congregation will be asked to vote on motions accepting the retirements of some trustees and the appointments of new trustees. The Annual Report and meeting information was emailed to the congregation on Friday, March 12. Hard copies of the Annual Report may be picked up at the church office on Monday, March 15 between 9 am – 3 pm.