

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

March 21, 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.**



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Fifth 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: “Elegy”

James Biery

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHOIR INTROIT: “Saviour Teach Me Day by Day”

Barrie Cabena

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

HYMN: VU415¹ “God, We Praise You for the Morning”

God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.

In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

CENTRING, INTRODUCTION & SYMBOL PLACEMENT

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy One,
Guide for these Lenten days and for the journey of our lives,
we seek to recognize and respond to your presence,
your guidance and your concerns for your creation.

However positive our intentions,
we acknowledge and mind the gap
between the caring, engaged team players,
we'd like to be and the reality of what we actually achieve.
Forgive the omissions and commissions,
which make that gap larger.
Remind us of journeyers from the past:
of Noah and the hope of the rainbow;
of Abraham and Sarah's journey to a new land
and new beginnings;
of Moses, Aaron and Miriam
and the struggle to find and sustain freedom.

We turn to you in prayer, naming present hardships, struggles
and longings for justice, peace and well-being for all.
(Silent Confession)

Free us, O God, from burdens from the past
and from all barriers toward whole-hearted love
for your world, all its people and its natural wonder.

Help us to trust in your constant and unconditional love for
your creation—the promise of new life and wholeness for all.

May we embrace your covenant and
the promise it holds,
choosing your way of compassion, peace and justice for all.
Amen

WORD OF GRACE

SOLO: "The Lamb" Newell Dayley
(Margaret Marris, Contralto)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

GOSPEL READING: John 12: 20-33

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Never the Blade Shall Rise" Kathy Powell

REFLECTION: Joëlle Favreau

HYMN: MV138² "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the grave-stones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

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

CLOSING HYMN: VU595³ (v 1,3,4) "We Are Pilgrims"

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.

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.

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: "Highland Cathedral"

Charles Callahan

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Organ, Bob Grandy, Minister of Music; Margaret Marris & Barb Diceman, Pianists; Lyn Braun, Worship Leader; Covid Choir: Dave & Chris Freeman, Jane & Peter Darling, Margaret Marris, Karla Buckborough, Glynis Hilton Devitt, Wendy Price Brown and Barb Diceman. Technical Production: Dave Freeman.

We are delighted to welcome Joëlle Favreau of the YWCA Nourish Program as our guest speaker.

Credits:

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TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the word “elegy” as “as song or poem expressing sorrow or lamentation, especially for one who is dead.” It also describes an elegy as a short pensive musical composition. Today’s “Elegy” was written by American composer James Biery (b. 1956), and was written in memory of Roy Johnson (1936-1995), Professor of Organ for almost thirty years at the University of Arizona. Johnson was brutally murdered after leaving an organ recital in February, 1995. On the tenth anniversary of his death, Biery was commissioned to write a work in Johnson’s honour and today’s “Elegy” is the result. The piece is based on the much-loved Swedish hymn, “Children of the Heavenly Father”, a nod to Johnson’s abiding faith and ethnic heritage. The hymn itself doesn’t appear until the very end of the work. However, the repeating theme in the pedals that you hear throughout the piece turns into the pedal line of the hymn.

Anthem: “Never the Blade Shall Rise” is a 1994 tune written by Kathy Powell with a text based on John 12:24-26, wherein Jesus explains to his disciples why he is willing to face death. “...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single, but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me

must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. ...” Powell’s text is a metrical version of these words.

POSTLUDE: Though it sounds like a traditional Scottish bagpiping tune that has been around for ages, “Highland Cathedral” was written in 1982 by Michael Korb and Ulrich Roever. The melody has skyrocketed in popularity ever since. Prolific American composer Charles Callahan arranged the tune for the organ in 2013, giving it an even wider audience. Starting off quietly, it builds and builds to a thrilling conclusion.

OFFERING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barring any further increase in COVID cases in Peterborough Trinity will reopen for in person worship on Easter Sunday, April 4. Virtual worship will also continue.

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.

TODAY AT 11:15 AM

Trinity Annual Congregational Meeting

Will take place via ZOOM

Information was e-mailed

to members of the congregation last week

regarding joining the meeting.

**The meeting room will be open by 10:45 so please leave ample
time to be admitted and ready for the meeting to start.**