

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**  
**May 10, 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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**Easter 5 – Christian Family Sunday**

*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)

**PRELUDE:** Two Preludes on Psalm 31 Flor Peeters; Douglas Wagner

**WELCOME**

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

**CENTRING TIME**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**HYMN: VU226<sup>1</sup>** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Refrain:* God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, R

For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven. R

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

Gracious God,  
we gather in gratitude and humility.  
We thank you for all those who are our partners  
in the adventure of living;  
we thank you for Jesus Christ,  
who by teaching and modeling self-giving love  
gave all human families and relationships new meaning.  
Sadly, we realize that we have not always been able  
to make our homes the loving places we'd like them to be.  
Too often, we act like individuals  
who happen to share the same building,  
rather than like family members who care for one another.

*(Silent Confession)*

Help us to renew our commitments to the growth and development  
of all who share homes, neighbourhoods, workplaces and  
the world with us.

Help us to communicate openly with one another,  
to find ways and courage to be supportive  
and to show our love  
both in the homes where we live,  
and in your world, our planet home. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**HYMN: VU556<sup>3</sup>** “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families”

Would you bless our homes and families,  
Source of life who calls us here;  
in our world of stress and tension  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles,  
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,  
let us use the time that's ours  
to delight in simple pleasures,  
sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
and a heavy path we plod,  
teach us trust in one another  
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family  
every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer,  
may we in your love remain;  
may the love we share in families  
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries  
of our daily thought and care  
till the family you have chosen  
spills its love out everywhere.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles  
love's expressed in many ways.

### **READINGS FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES:**

Acts 2: 42-47  
John 10: 1-10

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Alleluia: All the Ages"                      Monica Bonasso

**REFLECTION:** "Shaped and Freed"

**HYMN: MV126<sup>4</sup>** "Are You a Shepherd?"

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
Safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
Shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

*Refrain:* Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
But you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
challenging students to offer their best? R

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight. R

### **PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)**

**HYMN: VU289<sup>5</sup>** "It Only Takes a Spark"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees  
are budding,  
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -  
on God you can depend, it matters not where  
you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.

## BENEDICTION

### SUNG BLESSING: VU429<sup>6</sup>

May the blessing of God be upon you.  
May God's love light all your way.  
May the grace of Christ enfold you  
and peace around you stay.  
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.  
May you live in joy each day.

### POSTLUDE: "Toccata" and "Chorale" from Variations on "Aurelia"

John Vandertuin

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Chris Freeman, Choir, Worship Leader; Laurel Robinson Lachance, Karla Buckborough, Choir and Dave Freeman, Choir, Technical Production.

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## TODAY'S MUSIC

**PRELUDES:** The Psalm appointed for this day is Psalm 31 - a lament of David to the Lord. David is experiencing an enemy invasion, led by his own son, bent on killing him. In verse 5 of the Psalm, David says to the Lord, "Into thy hands, I commend my spirit", trusting that God will save him from his own son. Belgian organist and composer based his Prelude on that verse, using an old plainsong chant "In Manus Tuas, Domine". Peeters' music flows along quietly, with the tune stretched out on top.

American composer Douglas Wagner based his prelude on verse 11: "The Lord will bless his people with peace". His prelude, called "Arioso", is a slow-moving piece, with a beautiful melody supported by a lush harmonic accompaniment

**ANTHEM:** Monica Bonasso, the composer of "Alleluia: All the Ages", sets this piece up with an original tune on the text "Alleluia! Alleluia! Cantata Jesu Christe". The tune is then repeated overlaid with "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus to the tune of Hyfrydol. The third time through these two melodies and texts are joined by a third: "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord", to the tune of Alleluia #1, all with extremely great effect.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Cantata Jesu Christe. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood. Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name. Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Alleluia, alleluia. Praise his Name.*

**POSTLUDE:** Like Jean Langlais, the composer of last week's postlude, the composer of today's postlude excerpts, organist John Vandertuin, is also blind. At the age of 14, he gave his first recital while studying with Langlais. His Variations on "Aurelia" (The Church's One Foundation) was written in 2007 in celebration of Douglas Haas' 40 years of music ministry at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kitchener. The "Toccata" and "Chorale" are the fifth and last variations respectively. The Toccata contains rapid manual passages over the strong tune in the pedals, while the Chorale is a majestic and harmonically varied treatment of the familiar tune.

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