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on the traditional territories of the
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

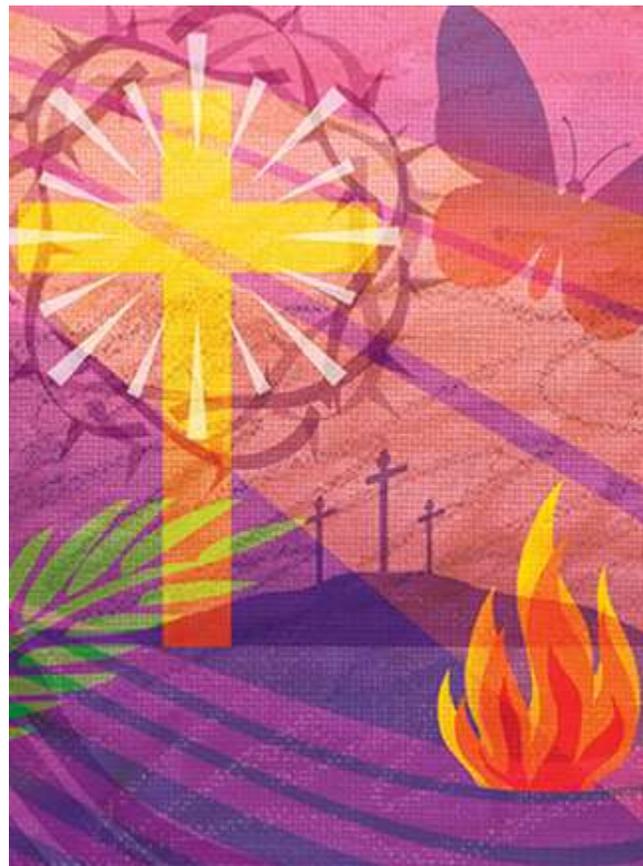
**We give thanks for their care for the land
over thousands of years and
for their deep spirituality and
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation
and in harmony with our neighbours.**



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Celebrating 25 Years of *Voices United*: Part 1

Welcome to all.

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

PRELUDE: "Ascension" from Eight Episodes in the Life of Our Lord
Hymn Prelude on "In Babilone" Peter Pindar Stearns

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: VU315¹

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

CENTRING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN: VU236² "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PSALM 121: VU844³

Refrain: Our help is in the name of our God who made heaven and earth

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where will I look for help?
**My help comes from God,
who has made heaven and earth.**
God will not let your foot stumble;
the One who protects Israel will not slumber.
**The One who protects you
will neither slumber nor sleep. R**

It is God who protects you,
your defence at your right hand.
**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
God will protect you from all evil,
God will protect your life.
**God will protect your going and coming,
now and forever. R**

READINGS FROM the CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES:

John 17: 6-19

Acts 1: various verses

SOLO:⁴ "Born in Song"

soloist Margaret Marris

REFLECTION:

"Lustily and With Good Courage: Faith Boosters in an Age of Change"

HYMN: MV154⁵ "Deep in Our Hearts"

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

A NEW CREED (in unison)

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: VU509⁶ "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING: VU962⁷

May the blessing of God go before you.
May God's grace and peace abound.
May God's Spirit live within you.
May God's love wrap you 'round.
May God's blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.

POSTLUDE: Study on "Darwall's 148th"

C. Charlton Palmer

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Covid Choir; Lyn Braun, Worship Leader and Dave Freeman, Technical Production.

Credits:

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² Text: 67 67 66 66; Sirach 50:22-24; Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT⁸

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Hallelujah!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Hallelujah!

TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC

PRELUDES: Peter Pindar Stearns (1931-2016), the composer of today's two preludes, was a teacher and organist for many years in California and in the New England area. "Ascension" from his *Eight Episodes in the Life of Our Lord* is a quiet and slow-moving interpretation of Jesus' ascension into heaven. His Prelude on the hymn tune "In Babilone" is a gentle setting of this traditional Dutch melody.

POSTLUDE: C. Charlton Palmer (1871-1944) was Organist of Canterbury Cathedral from 1908 to 1936. His best-known organ works are his three sets of studies on hymn-tunes. His setting of "Darwall's 148th" (Rejoice, the Lord is King), captures the essence of this majestic hymn. The tune appears mainly in the pedals, with a few strains heard on the manuals.

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.

We received this note from Jocelyn Bell, editor of Broadview Magazine



From now until the end of the year, this award-winning magazine will produce 15 features at a total cost of \$50,000. Normally, we count on advertising revenue to help cover these costs, but due to the economic impact of COVID-19, those revenues decreased dramatically — down 50% compared to before the pandemic.

We've set a goal to raise \$50,000 by May 31st. Can you help us reach it?

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