

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

September 20, 2020



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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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16th Sunday after Pentecost

We Welcome All who Worship with us this morning

PRELUDE: Reflection on “Ar Hyd y Nos”

John Leavitt

WELCOME

**LIFE AND ACTION OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH
AFFIRMING MINUTE**

CHANT: MV18¹ (2 X)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CENTRING TIME

CHANT: MV18 (1X)

PRAYER OF APPROACH² *(in unison)*

**O God, companion on our journey:
we ask you to bless us and our labour.**

**We are called to work in many ways:
to learn through play, to nurture, to produce,
to seek personal growth,
to exercise stewardship in poverty or in wealth,
to manage in illness and to learn and perform
the tasks of each new stage of life.**

**Rejoice with us, as we offer to you the work of our lives, and
guide us, as we seek to follow the way of Jesus. Amen**

HYMN: VU647³ “Travel On, Travel On”

Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is flowing,
a spirit that is flowing night and day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is flowing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the river that is flowing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.

Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is growing,
the spirit grows like flowers night and day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is growing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the flower that is growing,

the spirit will be with us all the way.

Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is playing,
the spirit plays like music every day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is playing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the music that is playing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.

In the kingdom of heaven is our end and our beginning,
the road that we must travel every day.
Travel on, travel on, to the kingdom that is coming,
the kingdom will be with us all the way.
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the kingdom will be with us all the way.

FAITH FORMATION

Spiritual Practices:

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Exodus 16: 2-15

CHOIR: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Hal Hopson

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20: 1-16

REFLECTION: “What’s Fair?”

HYMN: MV28⁵ “God of the Bible”

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
You are our centre, daylight or darkness,
Freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
Suffering with us, taking our part,
Still you empow’r us, mothering Spirit,
Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R

Those without status, those who are nothing,
You have made royal, gifted with rights,
Chosen as partners, mid-wives of justice,
Birthing new systems, lighting new lights. R

Not with your finger, not by your anger,
Will our world order change in a day,
But by your people, fearless and faithful,
Small paper lanterns, lighting the way. R

Hope we must carry, shining and certain,
Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
Bonding us gladly one to the other,
Till our world changes facing the Cross. R

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

CHOIR: "I Saw the Rich Ones"

Pat Mayberry

CLOSING HYMN: VU633⁶ "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

BENEDICTION

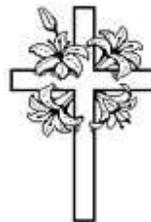
SUNG BENEDICTION: VU421⁷ "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

**Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us,
new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Ar Hyd y Nos"

Barbara Harbach

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Marjorie Shepherd, Worship Leader; Chris Freeman, Margaret Marris, Barb Diceman, Wendy Price-Brown, Anne Campbell, COVID Choir members and Dave Freeman, Choir and Technical Production.



IN MEMORIAM

MaryAlyce Vogl

March 3, 1926 – September 14, 2020

John 'Scott' Venton

March 18, 1962 – September 14, 2020

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TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE and POSTLUDE: The Welsh hymn-tune "Ar Hyd y Nos" (All Through the Night) has been sung to various texts over the years - most commonly to the words "Sleep, My Child and Peace Attend Thee, All Through the Night". More recently the tune has been paired with Fred Pratt Green's text "For the Fruit of All Creation, Thanks Be to God", as found at VU227. This text illustrates today's

reading from the Gospel of Matthew, where we hear the parable of the workers in the vineyard.

I've chosen two settings of this tune today, both by American composers: the first, an animated but still warm piano arrangement by John Leavitt. By placing the tune in both low, medium and high registers of the piano, along with his knack for rhythm, Leavitt has written an enjoyable piece for both player and listener. To conclude the service, you will hear Barbara Harbach's dance-like arrangement for organ. Her setting was inspired by another text that is often sung to these words: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing".

ANTHEMS: The Choir's first anthem is by prolific American composer Hal H. Hopson. He used the Fred Pratt Green text "For the Fruit of All Creation" and fashioned new music for it: a little two-part duet for the female and male voices of the choir.

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

The second anthem is a short hymn from More Voices entitled "I Saw the Rich Ones" by Pat Mayberry. Pat is a "singer-songwriter with a passion for melody and harmony, and music which touches the listener deeply". Many of her songs talk about love, justice and healing. "I Saw the Rich Ones" was chosen today for its third verse, which once again illustrates today's Matthew reading.
I saw the rich ones, I saw what they gave;

the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved;
and I saw she was smiling and I knew she was glad;
and I wondered because she gave all that she had...
But with God the world is turned upside down;

the poor are embraced and the lost they are found.
Let's work for a world where all people are free;
where it's good to feel good about God loving you and me.

I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said,
but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread;
and I knew something special had happened that day

when Zacheus gave half of his riches away...
But with God...

The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day;
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid;
for the ones who came later were paid just the same
as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came.
But with God...

OFFERING

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Pride Week September 18-27, 2020

The theme is Pride in Other Spaces

Due to the pandemic the Pride Parade

has been cancelled this year.

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