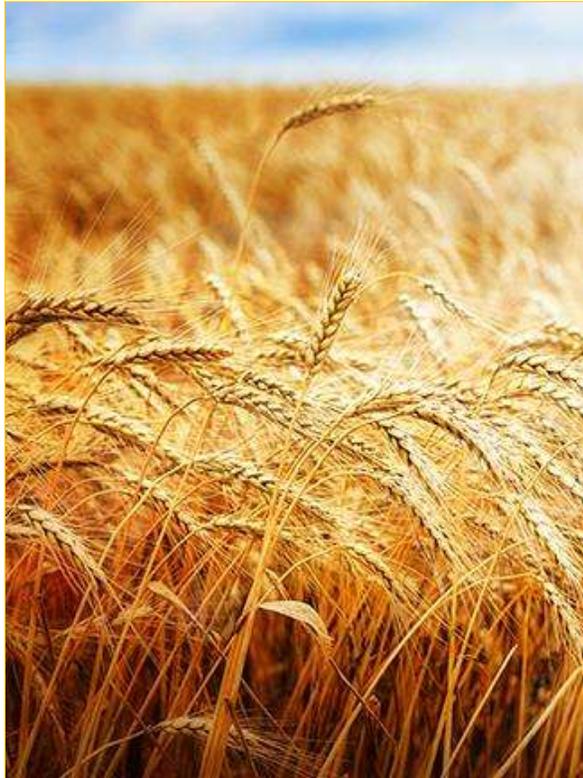


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**We acknowledge that we meet and live  
on the traditional territories of the  
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

**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.**



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

September 27, 2020

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*We Welcome All who Worship with us this morning*

**PRELUDE:** Two Preludes on "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Dale Wood; Aaron Davis Miller

**WELCOME**

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

**AFFIRMING MINUTE**

**CHOIR:** "I Will Bow"

Frederick Chatfield

**CALL TO WORSHIP:<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: As we come to worship,  
let us consider all that God has done.

**ALL: God created the earth,  
filling it with gifts of colour and  
notes of music.  
Sight and sound, touch and smell,  
these declare the wonder of God's universe.**

Leader: God embraced the people of Israel,  
guiding and protecting,  
calling them to be a chosen people.  
Set before the nations of the earth,  
they were a light to reveal the wisdom,  
the glory and the steadfast love of God.

**ALL: With never-ending love,  
God sent to us Jesus of Nazareth,  
Redeemer, Teacher and Friend.  
Through him we know the nature of God  
---the God of Justice, Mercy and Love**

Leader: God has sent a Comforter and Sustainer,  
the Holy Spirit. With a love that always is,  
with a joy that overflows,  
God moves in our lives.

**ALL: Come, let us consider ALL that God  
has done and is doing.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**HYMN: VU341<sup>2</sup> "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast

All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Spiritual Practices: MV92<sup>3</sup> "Like a Rock" (2X)

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.  
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.  
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore  
Stories to Share: Orange Shirt Day

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 17: 1-7

**EPISTLE READING:** Philippians 2: 1-13

**CHOIR:** "And All Thy Children"

Vincent H. Edwards

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 21:23-32

**REFLECTION:** "NO! and YES!"

**HYMN: MV144<sup>4</sup> "Like a Healing Stream"**

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,  
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,  
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,  
Promising revival and rebirth...like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,  
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,  
Yearning for an end to want and need...like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,  
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,  
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,  
Calling for an end to hate and war...like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow;  
God will always challenge and provide!  
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong, like a gentle rain,  
like a healing stream.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN: VU664<sup>4</sup> "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage  
there.

## BENEDICTION

## SUNG BENEDICTION: VU427<sup>6</sup> "To Show by Touch and Word"

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,  
To hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,  
We need, O God, the will to find the good you had of old in mind.

## POSTLUDE: Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

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

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"May your soul be as free as the ever-new waves of the sea.  
May you succumb to the danger of growth."

John O'Donohue, Eternal Echoes, 1999, Harper Collins, NY, 50

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**PRELUDE:** "How often a simple work which no one felt was worth claiming has become an all-time favourite." So says American composer Austin Lovelace (1919-2010) in his book *Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins*. He continues, "The choir director at St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig (Bach's famous church) discovered the Silesian tune, and Richard Willis (who also wrote the tune for "It came upon the midnight clear") introduced it to America. All nature is beautiful, but Jesus is fairest of all."

In his Woodworks for Organ, Book 3, the prolific American composer Dale Wood (1934-2003) places the tune in a gently flowing setting. The melody on a warm solo stop is accompanied by the organ's flutes and string voices. A much younger composer, Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) in his tranquil setting for the flute stops of the organ, uses a 5/8 time-signature. At first, you may find the timing somewhat lop-sided, or missing a beat. After a while though, I hope you find the quiet lilt and experience the soothing effect this setting has.

**ANTHEMS:** “I Will Bow”, by Frederick Chatfield (b. 1951) is a lovely little gem of an anthem – simple and as graceful as the Shaker text. Chatfield was Director of Music and Organist at Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering, Ohio for thirty years before retiring to Indiana. Illustrating today’s reading from Philippians, whereby the author instructs us to be as humble as Christ was, we have these words from today’s anthem:

*I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free,  
I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree.  
I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,  
I will bow and be broken, yea, I'll fall upon the rock.*

The other anthem today is a tender and sweet little number from the pen of Vince Edwards, Director of Music at St. Paul’s-on-the-Green Episcopal Church in Norwalk, Connecticut. “And All Thy Children” takes its text from Isaiah 54:13, where the author writes about the Israelites’ captivity in Babylonia. The Lord is promising them a hope of future glory, perhaps not in their time, but in the time of their offspring.

*And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.*

**POSTLUDE:** One of American composer Gordon Young’s most often played works is his “Prelude in Classic Style”. No real connection to any of today’s lessons...just a fun romp through the key of C major. But, as an aside, it does happen to be one of my wife’s favourite organ pieces, so I am playing it today for her as we celebrate 40 years of marriage. Happy Anniversary, Barb!

### OFFERING

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**ZOOM Fellowship Time**  
**Sunday, October 4 at 11 AM**

**Watch for the Invitation via**  
**e-mail on**  
**Thursday, October 1**

