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Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 10 am

Trinity Sunday

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, 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.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Honouring the Many Manifestations of the Holy

Opening Hymn: VU315

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to gather in the presence of the Creator.

All: Let us celebrate the many gifts of the Creator!

One: Called to gather in the presence of the Redeemer.

All: Let us live following the example and teachings of the Redeemer!

One: Called to share in the presence of the Spirit.

All: Let us transform the world through the indwelling Spirit of the Holy!

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: As the Spirit of Pentecost moves within, amongst and around us we are inspired to live authentically and compassionately as children of the Holy.

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are blessed.

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Fran Morton

^{1:1} In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Responsive Selection: VU732 – (from Psalm 8)

Led by Fran Morton

Psalm 8

Refrain

Michel Guimont 1990

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O God, our God, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth!

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One O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!
From the lips of infants and children your praises
reach up to the heavens.

**All You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger. R**

One When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**All what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us? R**

One You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**All You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,**

One all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**All the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters. R**

Young at Heart Time:

“A Busy Six Days”

Hymn: VU512

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

Fran Morton

^{28:16} Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

**All: may we hear the stories from our faith history that
inspire us to embrace the promise and new life
shared with us as we live and love together the
spirit of Pentecost.**

Reader: In the name of Jesus...

All: Amen.

Meditation:

"The Gift"

Music for Meditation

The New Creed:

One Let us stand as we are able and join together in a statement of our communal faith...

All 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.**

We Receive the Offering

Doxology: VU541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One

Dedication of Our Gifts

A Minute for Mission: "United Against Hate" *Fran Morton*

On February 15, 2023, Mission & Service partners United in Learning, Affirming Connections, and Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble collaborated to host a webinar called United Against Hate.

There is an alarming increase in violence and misinformation targeted against transgender folks and drag artists. The United against Hate webinar provided context to allies who may not have known the depth of the challenges faced by the Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ community and shared ideas on how best to support community events that regularly face protests and barriers. Panellists also offered insight into building a safe and educational

social media presence, including managing challenging discussion topics.

The webinar was an overwhelming success, with the live limit of 100 participants reached. Those who could not attend were encouraged to watch the recording. Participants shared positive feedback and made action plans on how to move forward together.

Your gifts to Mission & Service help support future events that will enable Affirming communities of faith to truly live into that identity in practical and safe ways.

Hymn: VU589

“Lord, Speak to Me”

- 1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your straying children lost and lone.
- 2 O lead me, so that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, so that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.
- 3 O teach me, so that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

VU916

**All 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:

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

- R. Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

- R. Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

R. Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place moved by the spirit of Pentecost.

All: We go in celebration.

One: Let us go from this place inspired by the spirit of
Pentecost.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place transformed by the spirit of
Pentecost.

All: We go in peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our
mission in the world for the week of June 4, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church, Queensborough

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, we ask that you place money in a separate envelope clearly marked as “*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*” also include your name or envelope number. ***Please make cheques payable to: “Northminster United Church”.*** This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: June 11th**

TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR at Northminster United Church in Upper Wright Hall from 10:00 am to 11:00 am begins May 2nd and continues through June.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL programme will conclude for the season on June 18th, 2023

CHOIR REHEARSAL continue Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm here at the church. Please come out and join an enthusiastic group of folks who love to sing and share their gift of music. The choir will go on summer hiatus beginning June 25th .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Greeters, elevator operators and Sunday Duty persons. If you are not already on our volunteer list, please consider helping out. See Bev Sherwin after church or call 705-742-6797 or by email to: bsherwin@nexicom.net

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK’S VOLUNTEERS for June 4

Duty	<i>Paul Andrews</i>
Elevator	<i>Elgin Northey</i>
Greeters	<i>Carol & Jack Murduff</i> <i>Debbie Campbell, Shirley Challice</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Fran Morton</i>
Minute for Mission	<i>Fran Morton</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sunday School	<i>Maggie Crawford</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton/ Al Bartholomew</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Jim Boothby</i>
Coffee Fellowship (June)	<i>Affirming Committee</i>