

**Trinity United Church**

**June 29, 2025**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Land Acknowledgement**

*For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and cultures of the peoples of Lake Simcoe Nottawasaga Treaty 18 land wherein our church resides. We are thankful to share in the special spirit of this place, rich in the energy of Mother Earth and the love of all creation.”*

***God welcomes each of us just as we are.***

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

*As we draw together in community, the Christ Candle is lit, as a reminder that in the light of Christ’s love, each one of you is welcome, just the way you are.*

**Introit: VU 315 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (verse 1)**

**Announcements and Opportunities @Trinity**

**Gathering Words**

Welcome to this time of worship, where the door is open and the space is Holy.

**We come rejoicing that fears can fade and hope can grow.**

Welcome to this time of worship, where there is space to know God’s creative love.

**We come rejoicing in the path of life in the Spirit.**

Let us bless the One who gives us counsel.

**Let us together celebrate the ways of the Holy God.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Faithful, fruitful God,

you created our minds to grow in wisdom.

**You created our hearts to expand with love.**

You created our voices to sing your praises forever.

**We bring you our worship with joyful praise,**

**turning to Jesus for grace and guidance.**

Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit

so that the fruit of the Spirit will abound in our lives.

**May we worship you in spirit and in truth,**

**and serve you in the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: VU 595 “We are Pilgrims”**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Lord, in the space and freedom of this land, we gather in the space and

freedom of your Love.  You call us to make a difference in our world and we pray for the

focus to hear and see what is truly important.

**You have blessed us with freedom in so many ways**

 **-freedom to follow or to turn away;**

 **-freedom to love or to hate;**

 **-freedom to include or to exclude;**

 **-freedom to heal or to hurt;**

….a time for silent reflection

**Assurance of Pardon**

O God, in your grace, you enable us to reflect on our ingrained attitudes, our natural reluctance, our fear of the unknown and our lack of trust, which prevent us from being your faithful people.

**In your love, we find a fresh willingness to act as followers of Jesus Christ.**

The healing forgiveness of Christ’s peace is ours.

**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

**Hymn: God’s Got the Whole World In God’s Hands**

**1. God’s got the whole world in God’s hands.**

**2. God’s got the hills of the Maritimes in his hands.**

**3. God’s got the depths of the Great Lakes in her hands.**

**4. God’s got the mighty northern rivers in their hands.**

**5. God’s got the flat golden prairies in his hands.**

**6. God’s got the jagged Rocky Mountains in her hands.**

**7. God’s got the land we call Canada in God’s hands.**

*(adapted for Canada Day by Helen Roberts and Mary Elizabeth Piercy with gender diversity added by Mary Elizabeth)*

**The Trinity Shawl Blessing Liturgy:**

Trusting in God’s love beyond all love and God’s grace beyond all grace, we gather together in community to give thanks that this love can speak in so many ways including through these simple shawls.

Just as their yarn was stitched together by caring hands in prayer, we too add our prayers and seek God’s blessing on their journey.

**Loving God, we ask that you bless these shawls and the people who will receive them.**

In the warmth of the shawl yarn, we pray that the warmth of your love will enfold them.

**In the many stitches of the shawl fabric, we pray that they may know they are held in many prayers.**

In the blessing of the quiet words within the shawl folds, we pray that each person may know the blessing of your comfort.

**And in all things, we pray that they may know they are not alone.**

Your healing strength surrounds them,

**and our community of care upholds them.**

**In Jesus name we pray,**

**Amen.**

**Sharing The Children’s Time**

***God Speaks to Us with Peace and Assurance***

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

**Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (VUp.791 with choir refrain)**

**Luke 9:51-62**

**Message: “New Directions” (Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy)**

**Hymn VU 421 “Lead on, O Cloud of Presence”**

***God Supports and Lifts Us***

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (spoken)**

**Acknowledging our Offerings in Support of Trinity United Church’s ministries**

We acknowledge with deep gratitude the many gifts of money, time, talent and prayer that allow this faith community to continue to share God’s love and hope in our world.

**Let us Pray:**

**As we offer these gifts to you Gracious God, we also offer ourselves, that we too**

**might be part of how your ministry of love and support is shared in the world. Please bless both us and these gifts that they might live out your call to be tangible expressions of your love at work in the world for Christ’s sake, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn VU 642 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**Commissioning**

**We go from this time of worship, to answer the call to discipleship, trusting in the light of God’s love, the compassion of Christ’s strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**

**Benediction**

May the grace of Christ attend you,

The love of God surround you,

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and forever more,

Blessings in your week,

Amen.

**Choral Blessing: MV# 214 “May God’s Sheltering Wings”**

**Music to Inspire our Serving**

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Thought for the Week

*“The practice of observing the living world and taking inspiration for human ways of living from its model is an essential element of Indigenous science.”*

*― Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and*

*the Teachings of Plants, pg 62.*