First United Church

May 26, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday



Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

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- **Is a request to stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier J. S. Bach
O Praise the Lord with one consent (ST. ANNE) W. T. Best

Listening as We Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

ONE: We are bound on this land by relationships.
ALL: We are bound to God's creation and to one another.
ONE: Those relationships have benefitted this community.
ALL: Those relationships have blessed us and cost others.
ONE: We speak acknowledgement of our presence.
ALL: Our presence is at the expense of others.
ONE: We must learn to share, as God has shared with us. In this land of the Haldimand Tract, and upon the traditional territory of Chonnonton, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee people, we are bound to Indigenous neighbours and their fate.
ALL: Where we have failed in this relationship, forgive us and give us the wisdom to repair.
ONE: May we learn to live into our commitments to Truth and Reconciliation and to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and cast a better future for all.

Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister, Chinook Winds Region, Alta.

ONE: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background, or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit & Lighting the Christ Candle** Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary MV 18

- **Call to Worship**

ONE: As sunlight dazzles on lakes and sunsets blaze through the sky.
ALL: let the brilliance of our Creator God's love guide us to see God's way for us.
ONE: With the cry of a loon rising up into the dusk, or the shouts of children playing in a field,
ALL: let the melody of God's love sung through Jesus help us to receive God's word for us.
ONE: Like granite running jagged through the hills, or creeks flowing from source to sea,
ALL: let the presence of God's Spirit ground us so we may know God's strength within us.

Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont..

- **Hymn** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty VU 315

Opening Prayer
ONE: Holy one…
ALL: Holy Three…
ONE: Known in our hearts.
ALL: Great Mystery!
ONE: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
ALL: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
ONE: Source of our lives, always and all ways.
ALL: We rest in this moment, opening ourselves to you.
Breathe new life into our souls, we pray. Guide us to paths of love, we ask.
Fill us with a desire to live for you, we cry! Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.
ONE: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
ALL: Great Mystery!
ONE: In our hearts.
ALL: Holy Three.
ONE: Holy One.
ALL: Amen.

Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont.

Listening For God's Word

- **Hymn** Praise our Maker VU 316

The Story for the Young at Heart

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 6: 1-8 **(**Reader: Rahul Solanki)
(Hindi and English)
ONE: This is the witness of the Church.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 29 VU 756

John 3: 1-17
ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Richard Horn

Reflection Here Am I Rev. Eva Mezo

- **Hymn** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU 509

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory **Make a Joyful Noise** Mark Hayes
Lenny Muth - soloist

- **Dedication of Offering** Ay, Ay, Salidummay MV 184

- **Prayer of Dedication**

Call to Prayer Take, O Take Me as I am MV 85

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer *[New Zealand Prayer Book]*
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 echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! 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, 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 forever. Amen.

- **Sending Hymn** Three Things I Promise MV 176

- **Sending Forth and Benediction**
  ONE: God has conceived of us as children of light and grace.
  God has conceived of earth as a place of communion and hope.
  God sends us from here as midwives for God's holy dream.
  ALL: May God grant us strength and faith to labour with God and all the world as we await the birth of justice and goodness.
  Amen. Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont

- **Benediction Response** May the Love of the Lord MV 218

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude March Henry Purcell, arr. C. H. Trevor