

Stouffville United Church

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Trinity Sunday

95th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. As a community of faith called to seek justice, may we honour our role as treaty people.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

This candle dances with the presence of the Spirit, reminding us of the warmth of the community in which God calls us to gather and the light that shines with wisdom, insight, and clarity for us in our time of worship.

(Written by Peter Chynoweth, Yellowknife, N.W.T., Gathering Pentecost 1, 2020, page 33. Used with permission.)

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, as we join together to worship you today, on this 95th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, please help us to know your presence. Sing your joy in us; sing your comfort in us. Ring out your peace, your love, your mercy, and your justice in us. May your voice resonate through our bodies, our spirits, our lives. Birth in us life, new life, and life abundant, and equip us to share that life and love with the world you so love. Amen.

(Written by Chelsea Masterman, Grace United Church, Edmonton, Alta., Gathering, Pentecost 1, 2020, page 31. Used with permission.)

Call to Worship:

Here we come to experience the presence of God.

Here we seek to be inspired by the Way of Jesus for the week ahead.

Here we enter to look for ways to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

**Here we gather:
to feel the winds of God,
to sense the power of the Spirit,
to find the truth of Christ for our lives.
May it be so in this time of worship.**

(Written by Bill Steadman, Goulais River United Church, Goulais River, Ont.,
Gathering Pentecost 1, 2020, page 29. Used with permission.)

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

[VU 315]

**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!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**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.**

**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!**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Music Ministry

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn: Praise God From Whom

[VU 541]

**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.**

Offering Prayer:

Gracious Creator, we're never really sure where giving ends and receiving begins. Or is it where receiving ends and giving begins? All we know is that in the process of giving and receiving, we are warmed by your goodness. May this offering be only the beginning of your good work in us. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

(Written by Kate Gregory, while at Belwood-Metz Pastoral Charge, Belwood, Ont., Gathering Pentecost 1, 2020, page 47. Used with permission.)

Prayer before the Scriptures:

Life-Giving God, open our hearts and minds, that we will receive and then act on your message of love, hope, and grace in your living Word, Jesus. Amen.

(Written by Fraser Williamson, Loring Pastoral Charge, Port Loring/Golden Valley, Ont., Gathering Pentecost 1 2020, page 44. Used with permission.)

Responsive Psalm 8

[VU 732]

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.

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

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

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

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

All sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
**the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters.
O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Sermon: Putting Things in Order

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Praise with Joy the World's Creator [VU 312]

Praise with joy the world's Creator,

God of justice, love, and peace,

source and end of human knowledge,

God whose grace shall never cease.

Celebrate the Maker's glory,

power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,

frees the captive, finds the lost,

heals the sick, upsets religion,

fearless both of fate and cost.

Celebrate Christ's constant presence:

friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,

liberating truth from pride,

forging bonds where race or gender,

age or nation dare divide.

Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:

foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,

one God in community,

**calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in Three.**

Blessing

Closing Song: God Be with You till We Meet Again [VU 423]

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**