

October 9, 2022
Thanksgiving
Trinity Memorial United Church

Prelude:

We Gather as God's People

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledgement of the Peoples and the Land

It is with gratitude that we gather this day to worship our creator. We acknowledge that we worship on the unceded territory of the People of the Fraser River. May God be in the midst of the work of reconciliation so that all people may be blessed by this land and, knowing gratitude, become whole.

Lighting the Rainbow Candle

We light this Candle to acknowledge that for many who do not conform to the societal gender norms hope is sparse. May all people no matter their gender identity, physical capabilities, or ethnic origins, be able to fully participate in all aspects of our shared life and ministry and feel safe. This is our hope that through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we become a spiritual home, safe, nurturing, and welcoming.

Hymn: "Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving" MV 185

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me. You know that
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O My God, today!

(2x)

You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today.

(2x)

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Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: People of God Remember.

All: We remember the gifts of God's Creation.

One: Children of Creation Remember.

All: We remember mothers, fathers, grandparents, all those who built this world.

One: Followers of Jesus remember.

All: We remember the wisdom of Christ and the hope we have been given.

One: Let us worship the generous Holy Creator of all things.

Hymn: "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV 30

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The gray whale sings in the sea,

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
To the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver,
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver,
When high tides break on the shore,

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
To the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The summer breeze joins the song,

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
To the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a chorus of all creation;
It's sung by all living things.
It's a chorus of all creation;
A song the universe sings,

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
To the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

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Opening Prayer

Giver of all things, source of Life, Creator, Great Spirit, come to us now in this time of worship. Show us your Spirit of

generosity. Teach us your ways and inspire us to be channels of your generous love for the World. Hear our prayer O Loving Creator. Amen

Hymn: “This Is the Day” MV 122

This is the day that God has made We will rejoice and be glad!
This is the day that God has made; We will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, Singing hallelu!
We will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, Singing hallelu!
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(2x)

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Learning with our Children

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We Listen to The Word

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-5
Psalm 100:1-4
John 6:25-35

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: “Harvest Home Calypso”

Music David Eddleman, Words Henry Alford

Sermon: “The Healing Power of Gratitude”

Hymn: "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU 307

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
Nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger
Agents of death for all Creatures that live,
We who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
Water that blesses and air that is sweet,
Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
Regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
Using us gently and making us one.

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We Respond in Love and Action

Prayer of Gratitude:

Generous God. You are giving beyond our understanding. You offer love and the good gifts of Creation without price to all people. Remind us all that You have given us. It is our broken human ways that creates scarcity and need. Soften our hard hearts that we might be generous and compassionate in the sharing of ourselves with your Creation. All that we have is yours and all that we are we give to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Words of Good News

One: There is abundance in the gracious love of God. Be free to give, for you are a blessed Child of God.

All: Teach us, O Great Giving God, to generously give of ourselves for your sake. Amen

Sung Response: “Ev’ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving” MV 185

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Gathering of our Prayers

Prayers of the People

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.
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,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Our Offering and Response

Offertory/Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 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.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674
Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: “We Plough the Fields VU 520

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
You send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
We thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

You only are the maker of all things near and far;
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
Much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
We thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
And, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
We thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

Words: Matthias Claudius 1782, trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell 1861, alt.
Music: Johan Abraham Peter Schulz 1800

Commissioning

Benediction

Sung Response: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” VU 481

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
To work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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Current Announcements

Community Policing

For the fastest response, please text the non-emergency line at 222973 for the Abbotsford Police Department as per Tanya Jeske, Coordinator, Operational Support Branch. Always ask for a file number to ensure police follow up.

Office Volunteers

If anyone would like to volunteer at the office, please let Margaret know. Office hours are 9 am – 1 pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

Sundays:

Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Nursery Care, 10am

Prelude Music Requests 9:50am – 10:00am

Email Christine at **tmuc.music@gmail.com**. Sanctuary sign-up sheet posted.

Photo Directory

A new photo directory is being created. Photos outside after Church if the weather is good. If you are not attending in person, please contact the office and you will be contacted.

Let's Paint Rocks!

Sunday, October 16, 2022 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Aldergrove United Church, 101 – 27336 Fraser Highway

\$5.00 per person. All materials provided.

Bring a nut-free lunch. Coffee and juice boxes provided.

Facilitator: Sharon Thistlewaite

All Saints Day

On Oct 30th we are acknowledging All Saints Day. Each year we light a candle in remembrance of those in our extended church family who have passed in God's full presence. If you have lost a loved one these past 12 months, and would like a candle lit in their memory, please send their names to the office or write in the space below and leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary. God embraces us all with everlasting love.

Mid-Fraser Cluster for Lunch & Games (Rev. Tracy)

Board games and card games for all ages and stages

Bring your own lunch (microwave on site).

Last Sunday of the month 11:30 am – 2:00 pm (approximate)

Contact Rev. Tracy for more information.

Auc-office@telus.net or 604-856-8675

Tuesdays:

SPA: 15 Minutes for Peace, (Art Turnbull)

12:15–12:30pm, International Friendship Garden,

32320 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford. Limited parking. Free.

Wednesdays:

Bible Study, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Lounge

Next Session: October 12, 2022

Bible Study: Book of Revelations, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, Lounge

4 weeks beginning October 5, 2022 (October 5 – 26, 2022)

Dot Painting: Meditative Art Two-Part Series for Adults

Wednesday, October 12 and 19, 2022

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm; Aldergrove United Church

101 – 27366 Fraser Highway; \$25.00 total for both classes

Fridays:

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Men's Breakfast

Every 2nd. Friday 7:00 am Jo Jo's Restaurant

Next ROMEO Breakfast: October 7, 2022.

SPA: Gentle Yoga Fridays (Robert Henderson)

Fridays 9:00 am – 10:00 am Online (Zoom).

Saturdays:

Membership Classes: Faith Tune Up (Rev. Bill Booth)

4 Saturdays: October 15, 22, 29, November 12, 10:00 am – Noon

Messy Church

Saturday, October 29, 2022, Conf. A & B; 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Sing Out! Rainbow Chorus (Deborah Handley)

6:30 – 8:00 pm, Conference Room A, Trinity Memorial United

Contact: Deborah Handley 778-201-5958

More of For the Love of Homemade Soup (Marcia Foreman)

Saturday, November 5, 2022, 10am - 12:30pm, Church Hall & Kitchen, 25.00. See abbyspa.com for details and registration

- Tortellini Soup with White Bean & Spinach
- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup with Apple & Brie