

TRINITY MEMORIAL, GLADWIN HEIGHTS AND

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCHES

**Good News: Much of what you see, hear, and experience
during our worship is Metaphorical and Symbolic.**

July 20th, 2025

We Approach

Prelude

Announcements/Joys and Concerns/Birthdays

Acknowledgement of Territory & Statement of Inclusivity

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 91)

Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,

**"Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress,
my God whom I will trust forever."**

Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.

God's protection will follow us throughout our days.

When we call out to the Lord,

We know that we are heard.

God is with us in every trial and temptation,

Therefore we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty!

Amen!

Opening Prayer:

**O God, help us to put our hope and trust in your words
and teachings. You have always been there to guide and
help us along the way, providing a safety net every single
time we stumble or fall. Help us to remember to take
advantage of the opportunities you send our way, even
when we feel unworthy. Amen**

Hymn: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" VU 245

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we often fail to hold
fast to the hope we profess.

**We allow doubt and fear to overshadow our faith, and we
lose sight of the joy of your love, falling into despair and
gloom.**

We confess that we sometimes place our hope in things that
are fleeting and unreliable, rather than in the solid rock of
Christ.

**Forgive us for our wavering, for our lack of trust, and for
the times we have doubted your faithfulness.**

Restore in us the hope that comes from knowing you, the
hope of new life and resurrection. Help us to remember that
your promises are true, and that you are faithful to fulfill them.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Saviour. Amen,**

Words of Assurance:

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" VU 365

Young @ Heart: "Light in the darkness"

Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So" VU 575

Service of the Word

Scriptures:

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 91 (VU 807)

Christian Scripture: John 1: 1 – 13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Write these words in our hearts, Dear God.

Message: "Hope It Works!" Rev. Tracy Fairfield

Response to the Word

Hymn: "Hope is a Star" VU 7

Gathering our Prayers:

After each prayer request, we will respond with:

One: God of Peace

All: Be with your people in the time of need.

Prayers of the People and for the World

Lord's Prayer (First Nations Version of the NT)

O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above
is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day –
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things done
wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from
your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his
worthless ways.
Aho! May it be so!

Invitation to the Offering

Dedication: "What Can I Do?" MV 191

*What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What
can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my
love. I'll do my share.*

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU 424

Commissioning & Benediction:

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We envision a Spiritual home, as a church and followers of

Jesus Christ, where all people can fully participate in all
aspects of our shared life and ministry and feel safe.

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**These churches are member churches of
Affirm United/S'affirmer ensemble**

