**Trinity United Church**

**August 10, 2025**

**Ninth 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.***

**Musical Prelude Sonata #2 by Johann Ernest Galliard**

**Bassoonist: David Manning**

**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 579 “The Church Is Wherever God’s People” (2 verses)**

**Announcements and Opportunities @Trinity**

**Call to Worship**

As sunlight dazzles on lakes and sunsets blaze through the sky,
**let the brilliance of our Creator God’s love guide us to discover God’s way for us.**

With the cry of a loon rising up into the dusk or the shouts of children playing in a field,
**let the melody of God’s love sung through Jesus help us to receive God’s word for us.**

Like granite running jagged through the hills or creeks flowing from source to sea,
**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. From Gathering Pentecost 1 2024*

**Opening Prayer:**

We gather today in Your house with open hearts, ready to hear Your Word and be reminded of Your constant presence in our lives.

**We thank You for being a God who travels with us — not confined to buildings or routines, but alive in every moment and place.**

Lord, we know that faith is not something we leave behind when we close our Bibles or step away from the pew. It is something we carry — in our rest, in our adventures, in quiet mornings and crowded airports, on sandy beaches and mountain trails, and even in the spaces where church is miles away.

**Help us today to see how You speak to us in the ordinary and the extraordinary. Teach us how to live out our faith not only on Sundays, but on Mondays at work, Saturdays with family, and even in the stillness of vacation days. Let our lives reflect Your light no matter where we go.**

Bless this time of worship. Let it renew us and remind us that You are with us — always.

In Jesus’ name we pray,

Amen

**Opening Hymn: VU 701 “What Does the Lord Require of You”**

**Prayer of Confession**

O God, help us to be like Jesus:
to be brave when there are difficult things to do;
to be honest even when it’s safer to be quiet;
to be kind even when people are unkind to us;
to know you are with us even when we are by ourselves.

(*a time of silent reflection*)

All praise be to you, O God in three persons. Amen.

***Marilyn Leuty,*** *then at Walter’s Falls U.C., Ont. From Gathering Lent-Easter-Pentecost 2001.*

**Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news:
Even when we fall short, God is faithful.
Even when we are afraid, Jesus gives us courage.
Even when we are alone, the Spirit is with us.

God sees our hearts and hears our prayers.
In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and strengthened to try again —
to be brave, to be honest, to be kind, and to walk in love.

Thanks be to God.
**Amen.**

**Hymn: VU 642 “Be Thou My Vision” with Bassoonist: David Manning**

**Sharing The Children’s Time**

**Hymn: VU 374  “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”**

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

**Scripture Readings**

James 1: 2-27

Proverbs 3: 1-8

**Message:  “Worship Beyond Walls” (Danielle York)**

**Hymn VU 375 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**

***God Supports and Lifts Us***

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

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

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

**Let us Pray:**

***Generous and Faithful God,* All that we have comes from You —
our time, our talents, our resources, and the very breath we breathe.**

**We bring these offerings to You now, not out of obligation,
but out of gratitude and hope.
Use these gifts to bless others beyond these walls —
in homes, in neighbourhoods, in places near and far.**

**As we give, remind us that faith isn’t just for Sunday.
Let our giving be a sign of our trust in You,
a reflection of our desire to live generously — wherever we go,
in vacation seasons and in ordinary days.**

**Bless what we give and how we live.
May both serve Your kingdom and bring glory to Your name.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray,**

**Closing Hymn VU 713 “I See a New Heaven”**

**Commissioning**

**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: Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

**Music to Inspire our Serving**

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Thought for the Week