**Trinity United Church**

**September 14 2025**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**“You Will Be Found”**

**Land Acknowledgement**

*“We acknowledge that for many thousands of years the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island walked on this land. We honour the history, spirituality and cultures of the peoples of Lake Simcoe Nottawasaga Treaty 18 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 One of Us with Loving Grace**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

*We light the Christ candle, reminding us of the Christ light, present with us, within us, within each other, and infusing all creation.*

**Introit: *VU 402 (verses 1 and 2) “We are one”***

**Announcements and Opportunities @Trinity**

**Gathering Words (by Judy Sears, Willowgrove U.C., Sault Ste Marie, inspired by Psalm 150 alt.)**

One: Praise God. For all things, praise God.

**All: Praise god, everywhere, every way,**

 **all the time, not just at church.**

One: Praise God in our homes, at our jobs,

 at our leisure, in our stress.

**All: Praise God for our family and friends.**

 **Praise God for our siblings and grandchildren.**

One: Praise God, the Creator.

 For all things, praise God.

**All: Praise God for all creation around us.**

 **Praise God for the seasons.**

 **Praise God for sunshine and rain.**

One: Praise God, the glorious conductor.

 For all things, praise God.

**All: Praise God for the gift of music.**

 **Praise God for the voices we raise in song.**

 **Praise God for the musicians.**

 **Praise God for the song-writers.**

One: May all creatures, great and small, praise God.

**Opening Prayer (from Celebrate God’s Presence, alt.)**

We feel your welcome, Gracious God, in this time of worship.  You welcome young and old, those seeking peace and those brimming over with energy,  You welcome newcomers and long-time members; all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer, and all seeking a startling new celebration of life.  You welcome us all, O God

**Hymn: *VU 405 “New Every Morning”***

**Prayer of Confession**

One: Seeking God, in those times when we hide our faces in shame,

 when our hearts are weighed down with regret,

 when our spirits are broken by the pain of sin,

 our own and that which we absorb from one another;

**All: find us and heal us, O God.**

One: When we hide from you, O God,

 with busyness and distraction,

 with ready excuses and persistent evasion,

 with the pursuit of false idols and societal expectations,

**All: find us and heal us, O God.**

One: When we hide from each other, O God,

 with indifference and scorn,

 with prejudice and judgment,

 with false masks of “everything being fine”

**All: find us and heal us, O God.**

One: When we hide from ourselves, O God,

 with fear of what others might think,

 with self-limiting beliefs about ourselves,

 with a reluctance to engage with our own story.

**All: find us and heal us, O God.**

One: Through the action of the Holy Spirit

 in our hearts in this time of worship

 and in our lives every day

**All: find us and heal us, O God.**

*… a pause for silent contemplation*

**Words of Assurance:**

Hear this good news — YOU WILL BE FOUND.  God is always seeking the lost.  So no matter how far we roam, no matter how broken our lives become, God will find us and bring us home to begin again.  Thanks be to God.  Amen.

**Hymn *MV 131 “You, Creator God”***

**Theme Conversation (Children’s Time) – “Seeking the Lost”**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways: in the song of a bird, in the babbling of a brook, in the voices of our friends, in the hug of a loved one, in the songs we sing, and in the stories of the Bible.  Speak to us now through the reading of scripture. Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 14 (VU #8793)

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

**Special Music Trinity Choir “Eternal God” By: John Ritter**

**Message: “You will be found”**

**Hymn VU 360 “A Woman and a Coin”**

**God Supports and Lifts Us**

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

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

Thank you! Thank you for being part of this church community.  Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Thank you for helping us to be the church in this time and place. The church depends on the sharing of all our gifts to continue our work together.  If you are able to contribute financially, cash or cheques can be left in the plates by each entrance, sent by transfer to office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca, or by monthly debit through the PAR program.  If this is your first donation with us, please give us your name and address so we can make sure to get you a tax receipt.  If you’d like more information about any of the ways of contributing, please contact the church office.

**Let us Pray:**

**Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become.  Accept us and our offering, O God. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn *VU 266 “Amazing Grace”***

**Commissioning (inspired by Ephesians 3:20)**

As we go forth this day may we always give thanks and glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in the world around us, forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction**

May the grace of Christ, attend you, the love of God, surround you and the Holy Spirit bless you.  Amen.

**Choral Blessing: VU 402 (verse 4)**

**Music to Inspire our Serving**

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