



Trinity United Church

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You are...Wanted...Valued...Included...Affirmed

Sunday, July 5th, 2026 – 2:00 PM

Queer Worship: Pride Season

† indicates stand as you are able

MV = More Voices

Bold indicates participation by the people

VU = Voices United SFTHO = Songs for the Holy

Other

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship
Joyful Service – Being Anti-Racist – Affirming All

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

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WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hadih, Dzenes hoonzoo, welcome in the name of The Creator,
the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: We are here, and we honour the ancestral and unceded
lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.**

One: We are grateful and we honour the millennia of
stewardship, care, and relationship that the Lheidli T'enneh
have with their key'oh. We are in relationship with them, with
their sovereignty, with the land, and with the legacy of uninvited
settlers.

**All: We gather this morning in celebration, proclaiming the
Risen Christ and the promise of healing that the
resurrection brings**

One: We proclaim publicly, intentionally and explicitly that every
human being is cherished as a vibrant part of the Body of Christ
on earth.

All: Be present with God and with one another here

One: Bless our community this morning, O God, with your breath,
your presence, and your love.

LIFE & MINISTRY

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

LEARNING AND SPEAKING PEACE – Lheidli Dakelh

Peace of Christ be with you – Dez-ghel nawhulh 'unt'oh
And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

† **HYMN:** *Holy One, Gather Us In* **Amanda Udis-Kessler**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: All you who delight in the Sacred Strange, come and
worship the queer Creator.

**Many: Thanks be to God who blesses the peculiar and
rejoices in the uniqueness of every body and being.**

One: God, our creator, has crafted the cosmos with their love

**Many: Our lives are an echo of God's breath over the
waters**

One: We humans are but one strand in a web of life, and only
one being among many relations

**Many: The land and waters are not resources to be
exhausted.**

One: Serious disruption and harm has been caused by
colonization and extractivism in the material and the spiritual.

**Many: We, as followers of Christ, seek balance, the
repairing of relations, and to live with respect in Creation
today and for seven generations.**

One: And we call on all people to do likewise, for the sake of
Mother Earth

**Many: Come, let us walk in this good way, let us belong to
one another, just as we belong to God**

Lighting the Christ Candle:

GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE

A PRIDE AFFIRMATION (Unison)¹

We believe that we are more than children of the Holy.
We believe that we are more than clay.
We believe that we are more than flesh:
Flesh that is warm and sweaty, soft and hard.
In us is embodied the soul of the Divine,
Calling us to love, embrace, and share the kiss of peace:
Statements of love.
Jesus was flesh but more than flesh:
He was the universal word incarnate,
Animated by the Holy and responding to the needs around
him.

We are animated by the Holy,
We are animated by desire and attraction,
We are animated by Holy love.
When we touch it is more than desire:
It is the longing for affirming the other,
Affirming one another,
Affirming ourselves.
We are more than Pride:
We are called to be our authentic selves,
Flesh that is warm and sweaty, soft and hard,
For we are animated by Holy desire.

God's grace freely given, that we might live as beloved.
Thanks be to God

† HYMN: *Love Is The Touch* **MV#89**

A STORY FOR THE AGES

*Lectionary@Home: 1 Samuel 16:1–13, Psalm 23, Ephesians
5:8–14, John 9:1–41*

FOCUS READING:

Focus Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

¹ Adapted from Rev. Don Uhryniw, Emmanuel United Church,
Peterborough, Ont.

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

WA: This is the witness of The Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Days of Rage & Days of Hope*

Amanda Udis-Kessler

SERMON: **Awakening & Emmaus**

Holy Quiet

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

† HYMN: *Spirit of Gentleness* **VU#375**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of the Rainbow²,...

And we join our voices now to offer the prayer that Jesus shared
with the disciples:

**All: Weaver of Life, Ancient and Unfolding,
How sacred is your Presence!
We lean on your guidance.
We seek your love.**

**We open to your transformation.
Provide us bread in body and spirit
to sustain us in faith and solidarity.
Companion us with grace
as we seek to live lives of forgiveness and compassion,
repair and accountability.**

**We remember those who have supported us
as we seek to support others
in all the mess and glory of this human journey.
Guard our minds and hearts from the temptations of
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² Alydia Smith

and turn our loyalty away from all systems of evil.
For the whole cosmos hums with your wisdom.
Everything that lives, returns to your care.
Our thanks and honor to you,
Gracious Web of Existence,
Our Source and our Home.
Amen.

*the Lord's Prayer, enfleshed.com

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

God of abundance and creativity, receive our offerings as they are held up to you now: offered in hope, and in hope against hope, offered from pockets half-empty and overflowing, offered from lives busy and spare. We offer these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to midwife your loving vision of the world into being. We bring whole selves that we may share in the co-creation of your kin-dom. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, and multiply them for the crafting of an affirming world.

Amen.

† HYMN: *We come with gifts we come in need*

Amanda Udis Kessler

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN: *You Shall Go Out With Joy* VU#884

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Rev Dr Kendra Mitchell-Foster; Worship Assistant – TBA ; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*

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