

Order of Service October 1, 2023, 10:00 am
Proper 21/World Communion Sunday/Creation Time 4
Trinity United Church
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Welcome to Trinity United. We are glad that you have joined us. May your worship time here inspire and strengthen your spiritual life. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in our lower level. If you would like to speak with a member of our team, please call our office or Pastor Junior.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works “ VU308

Lighting the Christ Candle (Responsive) Children and Pastor Junior

Each new day reminds us of the light that dwells within us—the light God has placed deep within our hearts.

We light the Christ candle, remembering that we are made of light and love, remembering that we are called to bring light and love to others and the world. Thanks be to God!

Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.

Welcome Pastor Junior

Announcements: Sheila Meggs

Land Acknowledgment (Unison) Congregation and Pastor Junior

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Anishinaabe Algonquin people who have been sustained in body, mind, and spirit through their relationship with this land for thousands of years. I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is hearing the call to continue learning of our colonial history and the on-going impacts of our privilege, and taking up the challenging and healing work toward reconciliation.

From James Bay United Church, Victoria, BC

Introit “Guide Me, O Thou Great and Holy“ VU651

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Pastor Junior

The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ’s table.

Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Prayer of Approach (Responsive)

Pastor Junior

Steadfast God,

as the seasons change, we see that you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations.

You have shown us the true face of power in Jesus Christ, reaching out with healing and hope to touch desperate lives.

We praise you for your love that works for reconciliation among neighbours and nations in this divided world.

May we see the face of Jesus as we break bread at his table.

Renew our hope by the gift of your Spirit at work among us, so that we can live to praise you with the whole Church that bears Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Prayer for Healing (Unison)

Congregation

All-embracing God,

we confess we don’t like to feel uncomfortable.

We often turn away from suffering or injustice, even when the evidence is right before our eyes.

We don’t like to feel responsible for reaching out, even when we could.

Forgive us, O God.

Give us courage to love others as you love us,

and respond with the same mind we meet in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love Pastor Junior

We Proclaim Our Faith (Unison) Congregation

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (Responsive) Pastor Junior

The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Hymn "As We Gather at The Table" VU457

GOD REVEALS THE WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination Shirley Forrester

May the reading of your word, O God, give us inspiration, hope, and confidence.
Amen.
Elizabeth Stewart, St Paul's U.C., Burns Lake, B.C.

First Reading: "Imitating Christ's Humility" Shirley Forrester
Philippians 2:1-13

All Generations' Hymn "This is the Day" MV122

All Generation' Conversation Correna McCormick

Anthem "Hear Your People Singing" Choir
Pepper Choplin Congregation join in refrain

Gospel: "The Authority of Jesus Questioned" Pastor Junior
Matthew 21:23-32

Scripture Acclimation (Responsive) Pastor Junior

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor Junior

Hymn "Creator God You Gave Us Life" MV27

The Great Thanksgiving (Communion) – (Responsive) Pastor Junior

**Communion responses (congregation)

Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

In Christ, God breaks down the walls
that make us strangers to ourselves,
and divide us from one another.
We are the body of Christ.

At this table we bear witness to our faith.
**At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness,
and healing to our world.**
Let us break bread together.

What does the Lord require of us?
**To do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**
Then let us remember God's ways
and seek to walk them together.

Together we say:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore we proclaim our hope:
**Dying, Christ destroyed our death.
Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come in glory.**

Sharing the Bread (Responsive)

Pastor Junior

The body of Christ.
Thanks be to God for the bread of life.

The blood of Christ.
Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Pastor Junior

Together we pray:
**For the bread we have eaten,
for the wine we have tasted,
for the life we have received,
we thank you God.**

**Grant that what we have done
and have been given here,
may so put its mark on us,
that it may remain always in our hearts.
Grant that we may grow
in Christian love and understanding,
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,
in Christ's name. Amen.**

****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:**
[...]

Pastor Junior

We gather these and all our prayers,
thankful that we may turn to you
as to our Mother who loves us, as we say:
**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
And 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Offering Invitation

Pastor Junior

We are invited to take part in God's great enterprise: of healing the earth, of caring for those who are vulnerable, of building up Christian community. Let us present our offerings this day as we join in God's great enterprise of love.
Beth W. Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.

Offertory Response (Unison)

"We Plough the Fields"

VU520 v.3

**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.**

Prayer over the Gifts (Unison)

Pastor Junior

Receive these, our offerings, O God, given in the spirit of good cheer and thankfulness. Bless them, and may they be used to help all in need, and may all who receive know that you are with them. Amen.

Dora White, Minnedosa U.C., Minnedosa, Man.

GOD SENDS US OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

VU242

Commissioning and Benediction

Pastor Junior

Sung Blessing

“Go To the World”

VU420 v2

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the Word of God’s redeeming grace.

Go seek God’s presence in each time and space.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

“Wake O My Soul”

Pat Mayberry