

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News:
there is nothing to prevent us from wading into the water of God’s limitless love.
There is nothing standing in the way between us and our belovedness,
not even our own faults and fallibility,
our regrets and mistakes.
God loves us and forgives us.
Thanks be to God!

†MUSICAL RESPONSE

Santo, Santo, Santo

SANTO

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Dios!
heart knows how to say to you: You are ho - ly, Lord!

†PASSING THE PEACE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:26-40

Blaise Travis

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is, There Are Open Minds

Paul Purdue

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 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.
Amen.

(a Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

†HYMN

I Met a Stranger on the Road

KINGSFOLD

1. I met a stran - ger on the road who read a book a - lone, whose
2. I told the sto - ry of the Christ whose life de - nounced each wall, whose
3. For when we draw our boun - dary lines di - vid - ing out from in, then

skin was dark and lan - guage strange, whose sta - tus was un - known. And
love ex - pands our nar - rowed sights: the Lamb raised up for all. And
Christ stands on the o - ther side; ex - clu - sion is our sin. And Praise

yet he read my sa - cred text, this pil - grim from a - broad, and
when I asked if he be - lieved, I saw my view was flawed: we
God for stran - gers on our paths, whose roads we have not trod, the

asked, "Where can I find a guide to lead me to this God?"
both en - coun - tered grace that day, to we both were led to God.
pil - grim guides who take our hand and lead us back to God.

Text: David Bjorlin, rev. Matthew Webb

Music: English County Songs, 1893, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AND SERVICE

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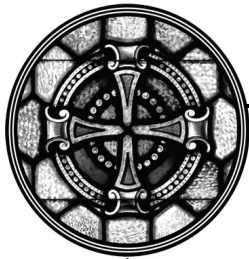
†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.



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†BENEDICTION

May God’s love lead us to unexpected places.
May we trust the circle of God’s inclusion to be wider than we imagine.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Toccata on OLD 100TH
Robbie Jones, organ

Fred Bock

JUNE 15, 2025 10:30AM
TRINITY SUNDAY

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir
Robbie Jones, Organist
Paul Purdue, Senior Pastor
Hunter Wade, Interim Associate Pastor/Director of Wesley Foundation
Matthew Webb, Director of Music Ministry

WELCOME

Emma Bushong

CENTERING PRAYER

God of boundless love,
may we follow you out beyond the lines we have drawn
where we assumed your compassion ends.
May we continue to be surprised by how far you will go to include the whole world.
Help us to open our minds, our hearts, and our doors to all.
Help us to believe that you also draw your circle of love and inclusion
around every part of ourselves that we think is not worthy.
Help us to know we belong and to offer that belonging to others.
Amen.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Matthew Webb, organ

Altar flowers on June 8, Pentecost Sunday, were given to the glory of God in memory of Jim Folk by Cathy Folk.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God, like a river that will not stop until it reaches the sea,
Your love is relentless.
Like the ocean that expands far beyond our eyes can see,
Your love is boundless.
May we have the courage to jump into the love and belonging you say is ours.
May we invite everyone to dive into the waters of your grace.
Let us worship the God who insists that everyone is beloved!

Liturgy written/selected by Hunter Wade.

†HYMN NO. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hunter Wade

God, we confess that we often try to limit your expansive love
to the people who look and think and act like us.
We confess that we cannot really grasp how wide and deep your love is
for every single person, ourselves included.
In ways we are aware of and not aware of,
we have been an obstacle to people coming to you and to their own flourishing.
Forgive us.
Help us to accept our own belovedness so that we might share in your work
of drawing in every person to the reality of their own belovedness.
May we be like Philip and jump into the water
with the folks we were told should be left out.
Amen.
(silent reflection)

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God’s image. We commit to Jesus’ example of inclusive love, care, and intentional hospitality with persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, faith story, physical or mental ability, economic status, or political perspective.

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