

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be they 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

HYMN: Spirit Open My Heart

MVU #79

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

SENDING FORTH: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of everyday. 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. Amen, Amen, Amen



Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.

The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

May 31, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Heather King, Licensed Lay Worship Leader



Trinity Sunday in the United Church of Canada is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It focuses on the divine mystery of God as three-in-one — Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC: Holy, Holy, Holy (vs 1, 4) VU #315

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

All: **We praise you for your gift of life.**

One: Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

All: **We thank you for your gift of new life.**

One: Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

All: **We bear witness to your truth and worship your holy name, Blessed Trinity, God in three persons, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.**

OPENING HYMN: This Is God's Wondrous World VU #296

OPENING PRAYER

YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: Praise Our Maker

VU #316

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (together)

God, you have spoken through your Living Word, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit speaks through the Scriptures. Grant us understanding through what we see in Jesus and hear in the Scriptures that we may know your will and follow your way.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

read by Cori Angus

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 8

VU page 732

Refrain: *O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!***One:** O God our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.**All:** **You have set up a stronghold against your foes, to quell the enemy and the avenger. (R)****One:** When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their places,**All:** **what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us, mere human beings that you should care for us? (R)****One:** You have made us little less than divine, and crowned us with glory and honour.**All:** **You have made us rulers over all your creation, and put all things under our feet,****One:** all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,**All:** **the birds of the air and the fish in the sea, and all that make their way through the waters. (R)****Genesis 1: 1 – 5 Good News Translation (The Story of Creation)**

In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, "Let there be light"—and light appeared. God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, and he named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night." Evening passed and morning came—that was the first day.

Matthew 28: 16 – 20 Good News Translation (The Great Commission)

The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Azrael Hackshaw**MESSAGE:** **The Great Commission and the Modern Church****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A NEW CREED** (together) VU #918**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 and 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.***Source: The United Church of Canada 1968***HYMN:** Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vs 1,2,5) VU 512**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Trinity Sunday proclaims the outpouring of love within God's own being, for God's very nature is love. May our gifts offer an outpouring of our love for God and our willingness to put that love into action in God's world.

Doxology: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow VU 541*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***Prayer of Dedication** (together)

God of overflowing love, receive our gifts as signs of our love and commitment to live and work for you. Bless our gifts and our lives, that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as we follow Jesus, equipped by the Spirit to serve you well and wisely. Amen



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