

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Chorale and Variation on If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee (*John Andrews*)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**  
*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Nancy Kerswill

**INTROIT** God, Help Us to Treasure  
*(J. Oldham/L. Erhardt arr. B.Harding)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gather us, O God,  
**and we will know your life  
that makes us one.**

Gather us, O God,  
**and we will celebrate  
our variety and uniqueness.**

Gather us, O God,  
**And we will give you  
The pain of our brokenness.**

Gather us, O God,  
**And we will share the gifts of your Spirit.**  
People of God, come...  
**and we will worship!**

**\*HYMN** God, Whose Almighty Word VU 313

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

You bind us to yourself this day, God of the Trinity.  
You reach out to draw us ever closer, that we might  
feel the brush of your grace soft upon us, that we  
might feel the healing touch of your compassion

resting gently within us. You keep us by your side,  
that we might walk with you through the streets of  
the kindom, bringing hope to the despairing, offering  
consolation to the brokenhearted, sharing love with  
those tossed aside by the world. You fill our hearts with  
living water that they might overflow to parched  
people, you teach us how to give ourselves away, so we  
might take on the burdens of others. We bind ourselves  
to you this day, God in Community, Holy in One, as we  
pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (*T.Thurman. Lectionary Liturgies*)

**WORDS OF GRACE**

In all things—God is.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Sing, Sing Out! (*Hannah/Melhorne-Boe*)  
*MV 180*

**Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.  
Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!  
Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!**  
*Repeat*

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**SCRIPTURE** Romans 8:12-17 *p.158 Pew Bible NT*  
(Adopted by the Spirit as children of God.) Paula Hanna

**ANTHEM** Canticle of Fellowship (*C.Courtney*)  
with Faith-A-Peal Handbell Ensemble

**GOSPEL** John 3:1-17 *p. 93-94 Pew Bible NT*  
(Nicodemus visits Jesus by night.)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** Threeness

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy, merciful and  
mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity! VU 313*

**\*HYMN** Body, Mind and Spirit (*M. Motum*) *MV 153*

Body, mind and spirit, holy, earthly trinity,  
joy of God, Creator, life lived abundantly.

Body, mind and spirit, challenged, battered by earth's ills,  
know that Christ rests within us, and stormy water stills.

Body, mind and spirit, nurtured in community,  
prayer, concern, loving action, faithful humanity.

Body, mind and spirit, in God's image born to be.  
Sing, rejoice in life most sacred. Revel in mystery.

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Go Down Moses (*arr. Bill Ingram*)  
Faith-A-Peal Handbell Ensemble

**\*DEDICATION** Grateful (*T. Tomaszek*) *MV 182*  
**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy  
Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,  
O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy  
flowing, we will praise you.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** There Is Room For All *MV 62*  
**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
 there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.  
 And I rejoice and sing, 'my refuge and my  
 rock in whom I trust.' There is room for all,  
 there is room for all.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**  
*VU p. 910*

**\*HYMN** The Lone, Wild Bird **VU 384**

**\*COMMISSIONING**  
 May the dance of Christ  
**be in our souls,**  
 the joy of the Spirit  
**be in our living,**  
 and the love of the Maker  
**fill our hearts.**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go *MV 216*  
**Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
 and your people shall be my people too.  
 Wherever you may go I will follow,  
 for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

**POSTLUDE** To God Be the Glory (*Edward Broughton*)



**An Act of Generosity**

"The children...thought about it and decided to give it to help the people of Ukraine."

Those who work in the United Church's Philanthropy Unit have the privilege of hearing the stories of generous supporters. Each story shared is inspiring, but this note included in a cheque sent by Rock Lake Pastoral Charge in Manitoba is especially delightful:  
 "Please find enclosed our cheque for \$125.00. One of our member's great-grandchildren rolled loose coins they found around the house. There was 1 roll of loonies, 6 rolls of quarters, 6 rolls of dimes, and 5 rolls of nickels. The three children ages 12, 9, and 7 were told if they rolled the coins, they could use the money however they wanted. They decided very quickly that they wanted to give it to children/people of Ukraine. They brought the money to Rock Lake Pastoral Charge and asked to have the money sent through The United Church of Canada for Emergency Response—Ukraine. They wanted it to go through the church because their great-grandmother loved the church.  
 "The children could have gone and bought a toy or chocolate bar but they thought about it and decided to give it to help the people of Ukraine. They were so proud when they came into the office. It was a big heavy bag of coins they carried for seven or eight blocks to get here. They were really pleased to present it," says office administrator Linda Sharpe.  
 This story represents thoughtful, intentional giving at its finest. Every gift given is a treasure. Every gift given tells a story about generosity.

Thank you for [supporting the work we do together](#) as a United Church. May the story we tell in our giving and receiving bring us ever more near the heart of God.



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**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**May 26, 2024  
 11:00 am**

*The wholeness of scripture testifies to the oneness and faithfulness of God. The multiplicity of scripture testifies to its depth: two testaments, four gospels, contrasting points of view held in tension—all a faithful witness to the One and Triune God, the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.  
 (U.C.C. A Song of Faith. A Statement of Faith, 2006)*

### **God, Whose Almighty Word**

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight, hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Jesus, who came to bring on your redeeming wing, healing and sight, health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind, O now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Blessed and holy three, glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light.

### **The Lone, Wild Bird**

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me too.

The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea's dark deep and far off land. And I am yours! I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me too.

Each secret thought is known to you, the path I walk my whole life through; my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears, my deepest joys, my silent tears.

In secret depths you knit my frame, before my birth you spoke my name; within my soul, as close as breath, so near to me, in life, in death.

O search me, God, my heart reveal, renew my life, my spirit heal; for I am yours, I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me too.

