

Loving God, we thank you that you are as close to us as breath, that your love is constant and unfailing. We thank you for all that sustains life, and especially for Jesus Christ, who teaches us how to live out an ethic of justice and peace, and for the promise of transformation made manifest in his life, death and resurrection. We ask you to bless this bread and cup. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, that we may join with you in promoting the well-being of all creation. And so we sing:

O holy, holy holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always! (MV 203)

We remember that on the night Jesus and the disciples had their last meal together, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and gave it to the disciples, saying: 'This is my body, which is broken for you. Take and eat it, and as often as you do, remember me.'

In the symbol of the broken bread, we participate in the life of Christ and dedicate ourselves to being his disciples.

In the same way he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

In the symbol of the cup, we participate in the new life Christ brings.

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! (MV 204)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (VU p.910)

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen! (MV 205)

SHARING OF THE FEAST

Communion elements of bread cubes and rice crackers are shared today with tongs; juice is served in separate glasses. Please make your way to one of the serving stations at the front of the sanctuary, by way of a centre aisle. Receive the elements, stay for as long as you wish and then return to your seat by an outside aisle.

Largo from New World Symphony (A.Dvorak)
Tim Birtch/Margaret Wolf

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May we become what we have been given; bread and wine for a hungry world; a blessing to those whose hearts are empty-- a light in the darkness. Amen.

***HYMN** O World of God *see insert*

***COMMISSIONING & BLESSING**

As many threads are made one in the cloth,
as the many grains are made one in the bread,
As many grapes are made one in the wine,
So we who are many are made one in Christ.

***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 Country Gardens (Eng.Folkdance)
Tim Birtch & Margaret Wolf, trumpets



Cherishing Creation

Rev. Melody Duncanson Hales writes about Creation Time as an opportunity for heightened awareness, stewardship, and action.

Imagine a world where our actions today echo far into the future, where the choices we make now, matter tomorrow. This is the essence of Creation Time. It reminds us that our Earth isn't just a home; it's a divine gift. How we cherish this gift reveals our true relationship with the Creator. Take a walk through downtown Capreol, just north of Sudbury, Ontario, and you'll see Trinity United Church, situated on an intersection of street and railway, right in the heart of a bustling community. I met with Pastor Pam Brown (student minister), and leaders Faye Moffatt and Judy Sumner, who were excited to share Trinity's green journey with me.

Judy shared about their solar panel installation. This was a decade-long labour of love, made real through the generous support of Trinity members and the United Church program. Trinity's move to solar power goes beyond energy savings and cost reductions. Significant savings have allowed funds to be reallocated to support ministry. It is a step towards a future where sustainability is a way of life, a witness to Trinity's hope for a healthy community today and tomorrow.

However, Trinity's commitment to creation doesn't stop there, Faye was quick to add. By partnering with the community garden and phasing out single-use plastics, they have established a foundation of environmentally conscious practices that span all areas of congregational life, from the food bank to facility use. This dedication speaks of a deeper theological commitment. It's about viewing the Earth and its resources, not as commodities to be exploited but as a sacred trust.

Liturgically, Creation Time is a time of heightened awareness and action. At Trinity, it's a season marked by special worship services integrating prayers, hymns, and photographs that reflect the beauty and sanctity of creation. Moreover, the community of faith finds unique ways to allow members to share their own sustainability practices, whether it's about conserving water, saving energy, or preserving food. These shared stories both inspire action and create a sense of communal responsibility.

It's inspiring how Trinity sees their eco-initiatives. For them, these steps are a simple and profound expression of their faith in a God who nourishes, sustains, and renews all. Supporting projects that champion climate action isn't a side activity—it's central to how Trinity lives their hope.



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.



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**WORLD COMMUNION
BAPTISM SUNDAY
October 6, 2024
11:00 am**

World Communion Sunday reminds us that Christ calls us to a table where the welcome is wide. He offers us a space with bread and wine in abundance to give solace to our sorrow and to stir our joy. (Jan Richardson)

Hearing assists available on the Welcome Table and from the sound booth.

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Pie Jesu (*Gabriel Fauré*)
Tim Birtch & Margaret Wolf, trumpets

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/Rainbow Candle of Inclusion
Louise Procter Maio

INTROIT When We Gather at the Table
(W. Farquharson/R.Klusmeier)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Light, love and freedom
are the gifts of God.

We come in peace.

Bread, wine, and friendship
are the gifts of Christ.

We come in joy.

Wisdom, compassion and grace
are the gifts of the Spirit.

We come in hope.

Across the world today,
in a multitude of ways,
we come in worship
on this World Communion Sunday.
Let us worship!

***HYMN** We Are One *see insert*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness, so we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts and war, but also those we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future which you show to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

God who accepts us will empower us.
God who loves us will inspire us in our struggle for a healing and just world. 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)**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Autumn Eve Malarczyk, daughter of Mackenzie
and John, and, Leif Lopez Thompson, son of Trina
and Brett.*

Statement of Purpose

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the gift of
grace to us in the sacrament of baptism.
**There is one body, and one Spirit,
we have one hope in Christ.**

Presentation of Candidates *Nancy Kerswill*
On behalf of the congregation of Aurora United
Church, I present **Autumn Eve Malarczyk**, and,
Leif Lopez Thompson, for initiation into the
family of Christ through baptism.

Questions for Parents, Sponsors

*Do you believe in God, who has created and is
creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made
flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works
in us and others by the Spirit?*

I do, by the grace of God.

*Will you join together with your brothers and
sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's
presence, and work and minister to a world in need
of God's love?*

I will, God being my helper.

*Will you also grow together with your children and
offer to teach them the Christian faith, and help
them to take their place in the Christian family?*

I will, God being my helper.

The Congregation Makes a Promise:

Nancy Kerswill

Let us pledge to these families,
our support and care.
**As a church following in the way of Jesus, we
commit ourselves to support and uphold you
within this community of faith. May God grant
us all the grace to live out our baptism.**

The Blessing of the Baptism Water

The water we use in baptism is a symbol of the
grace of God—free-flowing, awakening,
refreshing, renewing. It is a symbol of the
unconditional love that names us and claims us as
God's own. It also is a symbol of the faith that we
share in common, as people of Christ.

Let us pray: **Loving God, bless now this water
that we will use in baptism. May it be a sign and
promise of new life, not only for Autumn and
Leif but also for all who have passed through
the waters of baptism. In the spirit of Christ,
whom was himself baptized, we pray. Amen.**

The Baptism *(What is the name of this child?)*

Autumn Eve/Leif Lopez,
*I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Autumn Eve/Leif Lopez,
*child of God, with the sign of the cross, you
become one with Christ Jesus in the family of God.
Amen.*

Autumn Eve/Leif Lopez,
*may the blessing of the one God, Mother and
Father of us all, be with you today and always.
Amen.*

**Presentation of Certificate and Cross
Candle Lighting**

Sung Blessing (MV 214)
**May God's sheltering wings, God's gathering
wings protect you. May God's nurturing arms,
God's cradling arms sustain you, and hold you
in God's love, and hold you in God's love.**

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:1-14 *p.211 Pew Bible*
(Thanksgiving for the faith of our ancestors.)
Jennifer Kenwell

ANTHEM As We Gather at the Table *(W.Hatch)*

GOSPEL John 17:20-23 *p.111 Pew Bible NT*
(That they may all be one.)

SERMON All For One

***HYMN** We Gather Here *see insert*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

***OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**
OFFERTORY *Grazioso (Arnold Sherman)*
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 mercy 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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life.
All who come to me shall not hunger,
and all who believe in me shall not thirst.'
With Christians around the world
and throughout the centuries,
we gather around these symbols
of bread and wine—simple elements
that speak of nourishment and transformation.