

June 5, 2022



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
JUNE 5, 2022

*Welcome to the Feast of Pentecost, when Christians recall
the gift of the divine Spirit at work within and among us.*

PRELUDES: Two Preludes on “Now Pray We to the Holy
Ghost” Dietrich Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

◆ **HYMN: VU375¹** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

CHOIR INTROIT: “I Will Not Leave You Comfortless”
Carlton Young

LITANY of the SPIRIT

PRAYER OF APPROACH (sung) VU 376²
“Spirit of the Living God”

GOSPEL READING: John 14: 15-17, 25-26

◆ **HYMN: VU 205³** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2: 1-21

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Breathe On Me,
Breath of God” Richard DeLong
(Soloists: Laurel Robinson-Lachance, Ted Harvey)

REFLECTION: “*Spirit Sightings*”

◆ **HYMN: VU207⁴** “Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Hymn: VU457⁵ (v.1) "As We Gather at YourTable"

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: God be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

CHOIR: VU946 "Kyrie Eleison"

Ministers:

This table is a sacred place—a thin place,
a place where we sense the closeness of God.
This table has roots that go deep

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With the great cloud of witnesses from all times and places,
we join our voices to proclaim the glory of our God.

Sung: VU942 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might;
holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

At the table we break bread.

...Gracious God, author and sustainer of all life,
we give thanks for your abundant blessings....
...Call forth from all who receive this sacred meal
gifts of courage, compassion and skill
and help us to share them for the sake of your creation.
Together we pray:

Our father...(sung VU959)

Distribution of Elements

Choir Anthem: "Come, I Pray Thee" W.H.Anderson

Prayer After Communion: ⁶ (*Unison*)

**God of tender care,
At your table, we have celebrated
your love for us and for all people.**

**May we be strengthened by these holy gifts
to show your love in our lives
by caring for one another
and for your beloved world. Amen**

◆ **HYMN: VU194**⁷ "Filled with the Spirit's Power"

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHOIR BLESSING:** "Go With Us" ⁸

POSTLUDE: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"
Andreas Vetter

Leading in worship today are the Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie,
the Rev. Dr. Richard Boehme, Robert Grandy, Minister of
Music, Chancel Choir & Chris Freeman, Worship Leader.

Credits:

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Donations in June

As of May 31, 2022, Trinity is asking that you make donations to M&S directly to the United Church or through your new community of faith.

Any money received during Trinity services in June will be applied to local outreach in the Peterborough area. Tax receipts will NOT be issued for donations in June.

MANY THANKS for your generosity over the years. Due to your donations of time, talent and money, Trinity has served the Peterborough community in many ways for many years.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING June 5, 2022

Following worship, the Trinity congregation will meet to hear a recommendation regarding Outreach funds and an update regarding the property and to do some necessary housekeeping. All Members and Adherents of Trinity please plan to attend.

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707) was a North-German organist and composer who had a major influence on the music of J.S. Bach. Buxtehude's organ compositions form the majority of his works. His two short preludes on the chorale "Nun Bitten Wir den Heil'gen Geist" (Now Pray We to the Holy Ghost) both feature the tune in the right hand, highly ornamented, over two accompanying voices and pedal. The actual chorale-tune will be played first.

INTROIT: "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" is a short excerpt taken from the anthem of the same name, by the American composer and professor Carlton Young (b. 1926). Suitable for Easter or Pentecost, it takes its text from John 14:18-19.

I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you yet again, and your heart shall rejoice, Alleluia!

CHORAL MUSIC: American composer Richard DeLong (1951-1994) had a national reputation as a choral composer with a wonderful gift for creating fresh and appealing melodies. "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" is one of his many anthems suited to small and mid-size choirs. Opening with a soprano solo, followed by a tenor solo, DeLong's writing for voice and organ gives Edwin Hatch's text a beautiful musical setting.

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will to do and to endure. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

During Communion, the choir will sing Canadian composer W.H. Anderson's "Come, I Pray Thee", a beautiful setting of words by Richard Rolle (1290?-1349).

William Henry Anderson (1882-1955) was a composer, choir director, tenor, and voice teacher, based in Winnipeg. His choral compositions have remained in the repertoire because of their natural lyricism and charm. Anderson's last post as an organist was at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church in Winnipeg, the same church where the composer of today's Choral Blessing is currently Music Director.

Come, I pray Thee, Thou sweet and true joy. Enter a soul that longs for Thee. Enflame with Thy divine fire all my heart. Enlighten my inmost parts with Thy radiant light. Amen.

Today's choral blessing, "Go With Us" has an interesting connection to Peterborough and to yours truly. The words are by the Rev. Bob Root, no stranger to Trinity folk, or to the people of Mark Street United, where he served for thirty-three years. The composer of the piece is Katy Harmer, Music Director at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church (See more under the Communion anthem). Katy was kind enough to send me a copy of her Blessing for the choir to sing today. I was looking for a new Choral Blessing and came across Katy's "Go With Us". When I searched her church's web-site in more detail, I discovered that the organist there is Wes Elias, a former organist here in Port Hope, and my successor at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. We worked together several times and Barb and I struck up a friendship with Wes and his wife Bertha. Small world indeed!

May the blessing of God, who made us in love, who made us for companionship, and who made us to enhance the world, go with us as we leave this place, go with us where life calls us to be. We go, but not alone. We go, loved and blessed to be a blessing! Amen.

POSTLUDE: The service concludes with a prelude on another German Pentecost chorale: "Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" (Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord) – this one by the Baroque German composer Andreas Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734). Vetter was a student of Johann Pachelbel, whose famous "Canon" was rung by the Bells of Trinity last week. Vetter's prelude includes the entire hymn-tune in the pedals under rapid sixteenth-note passages on the manuals.

*We acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People.
We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation.
May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours*

