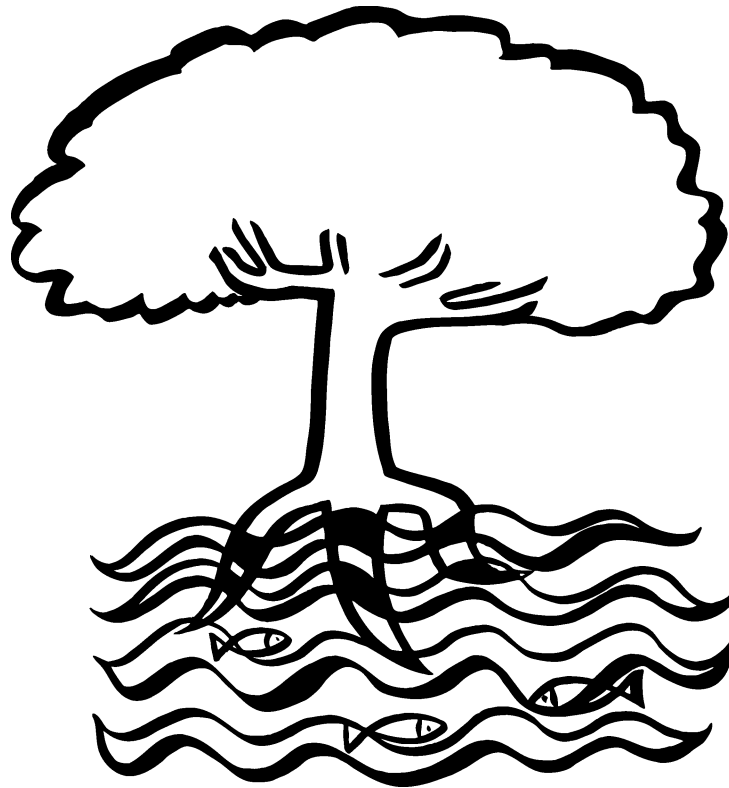


Season of Creation

September 6, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Lily Courtney
Greeters:	Rob & Carol Murray
Usher:	Brian Racho
Altar:	Kathy Eichler
Musician:	Jamie Courtney
Technology:	Krista Straus
Fellowship:	Suzan Deckert

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Gathering Song

Come to the Water of Life

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features four-part harmony with four vocal parts (1, 2, 3, 4) and a piano accompaniment. The melody is characterized by triplet figures. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The second line is a continuation of the first, and the third and fourth lines are variations of the first line. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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First Reading

Ezekiel 47:9-12

⁹ Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:1, 10-13, 24

Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You made the springs into rivers
that flow between the mountains.**

All the animals drink their fill from them,
and the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

**Beside them the birds of the air make their nests;
among the branches they lift their voice.**

From your dwelling on high, you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

**How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Second Reading

Revelation 22:1-7

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷ "See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



A cantor sings the proper verse. The alleluias are repeated.

Gospel

John 7:37-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one,
the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to
death and all destructive forces.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray: that churches around the globe collaborate in care for the earth, and that all the baptized nurture a zeal for the wellbeing of creation.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the earth we pray: that this bounteous creation receive continued divine blessing, that the air be wholesome, that the waters be plenteous and clean, that the land be treasured, and that animals be protected. Grant that what on earth has been despoiled will be healed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the nations we pray: that farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. Send peace over all lands, especially Columbia, the Holy Land, Cameroon, Ukraine, Russia, Congo, Sudan, the United States, Iran, Myanmar, and Thailand.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For those in need we pray: that humankind be sheltered from disease and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names we call out to you, especially Lyle, Steve, Nan, Dorothea, Myles, Stan, Jacob, Jean, Mary, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For our country we pray: that national and provincial parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn respect for nature.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the earth. Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever.

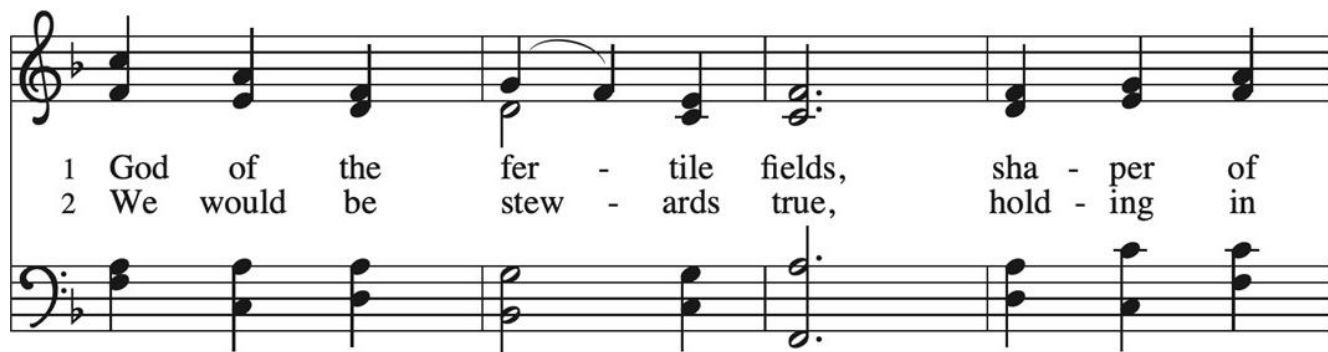
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Offering Song

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

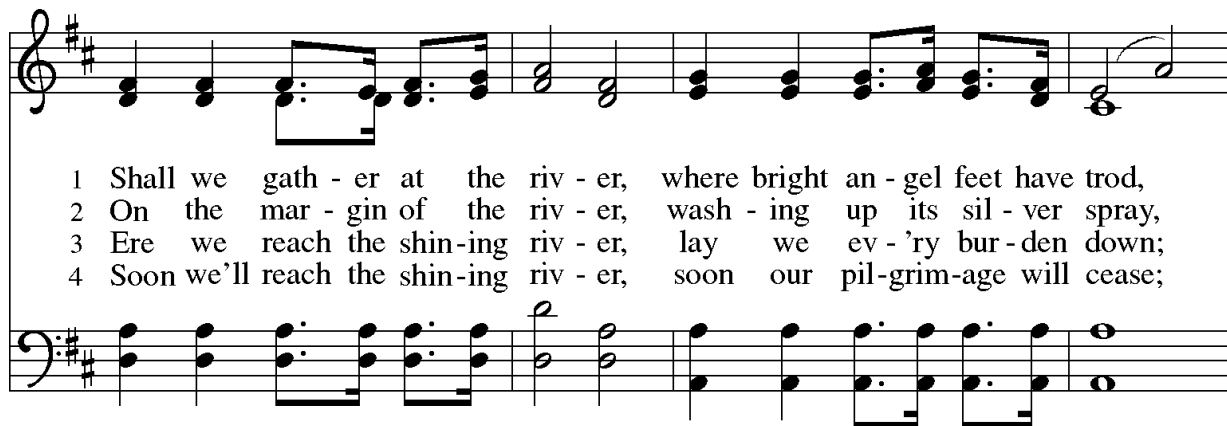
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Lord's Prayer

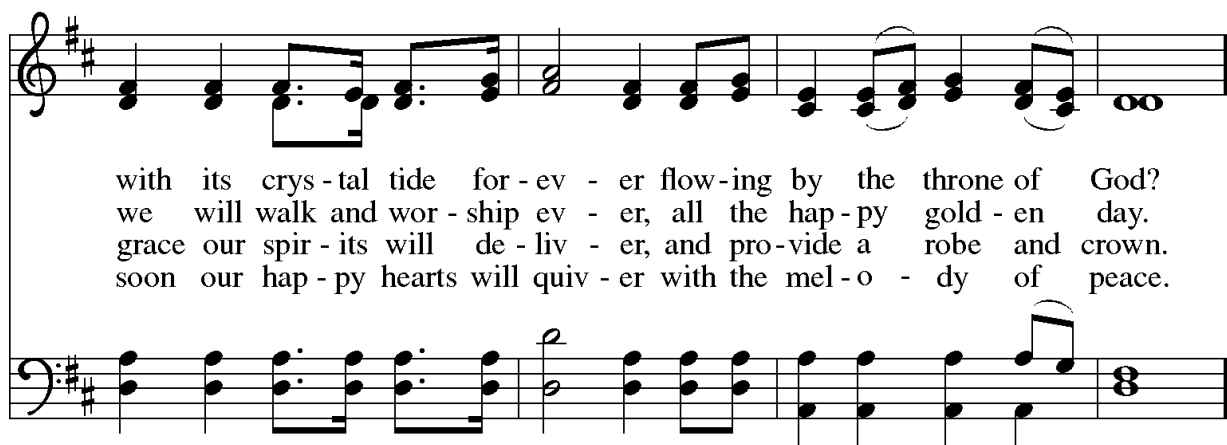
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



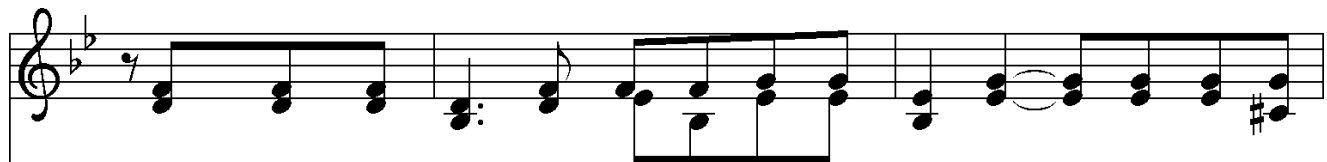
Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Communion Song

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Sending Song

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

+ Blessing of the Backpacks

It's hard to believe that school is just around the corner! On Sunday, September 13th, our Trinity community invites our school-aged children and youth to bring their backpacks to worship for a ***Blessing of the Backpacks*** as the new school year gets underway.

+ What's Your Calling?

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)

We have several opportunities for discipleship in our congregation this fall. Check out the September issue of the Trinity Dove newsletter for more details on ministry opportunities in these areas:

- **Might you nurture our youngest members?** Sunday School teachers are needed to take turns twice per month, starting in October. We'll have an informal information session after worship on September 13th for anyone considering lending a hand; we aim for 6 to 8 folks to take turns teaching in pairs.
- **Might you support our sacramental life together?** The Altar Guild could use one or two more folks, taking a month or two in our yearly rotation to set and clear the table for Holy Communion.
- **Might you help us expand our learning?** The Adult Learning team could use a couple of folks to help brainstorm ideas, send invites to speakers, and do other supportive tasks.

If you have a calling to serve in one of these areas, or have any questions, please speak to Pastor Tanya or Parish Administrator Jamie Courtney. (We have met our need for Care Card Ministry helpers.)

+ Sunday to Sunday

6 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Season of Creation
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
7 – Monday		Labour Day (church office closed)
12 – Saturday	7:00 pm	AA
13 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Season of Creation
		+ Blessing of the Backpacks
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation

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