

Season of Creation

October 4, 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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Holy Communion

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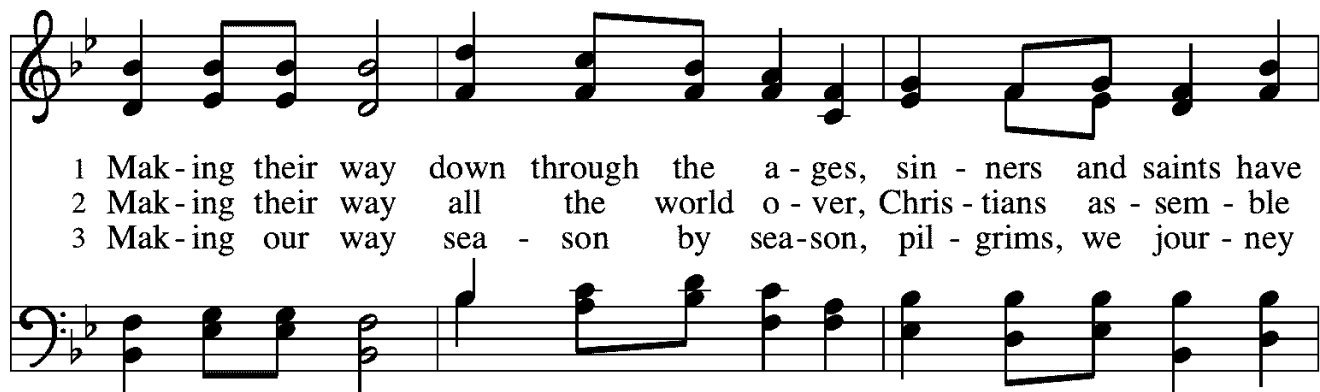
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Postlude	Trumpet Voluntary – <i>William P. Rowan</i>

Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Janice Ritz
Greeter:	Bob Pearson
Usher:	Ken Seltzer
Altar:	Holly McCurdy
Musician:	Jamie Courtney
Technology:	Lisa Hagen
Fellowship:	Suzan Deckert

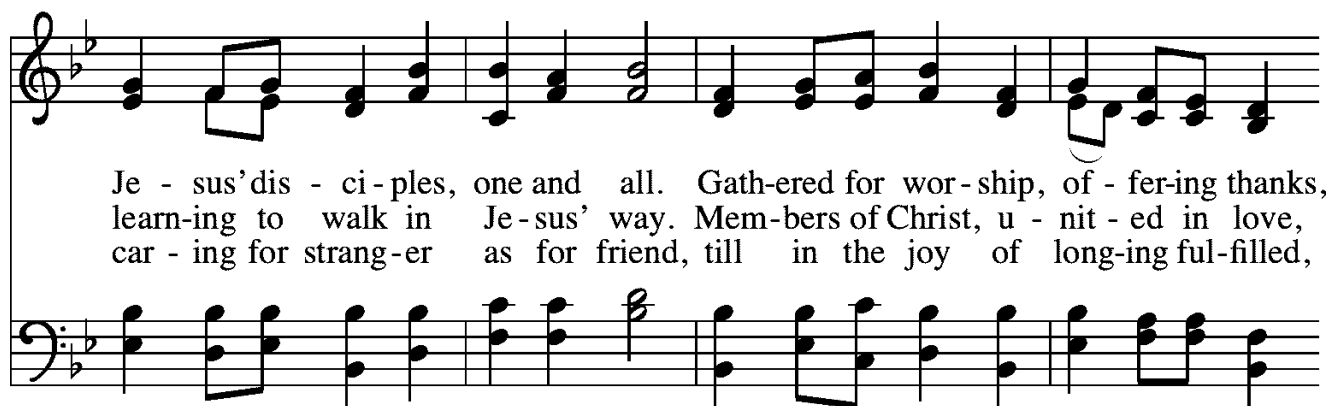
We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.



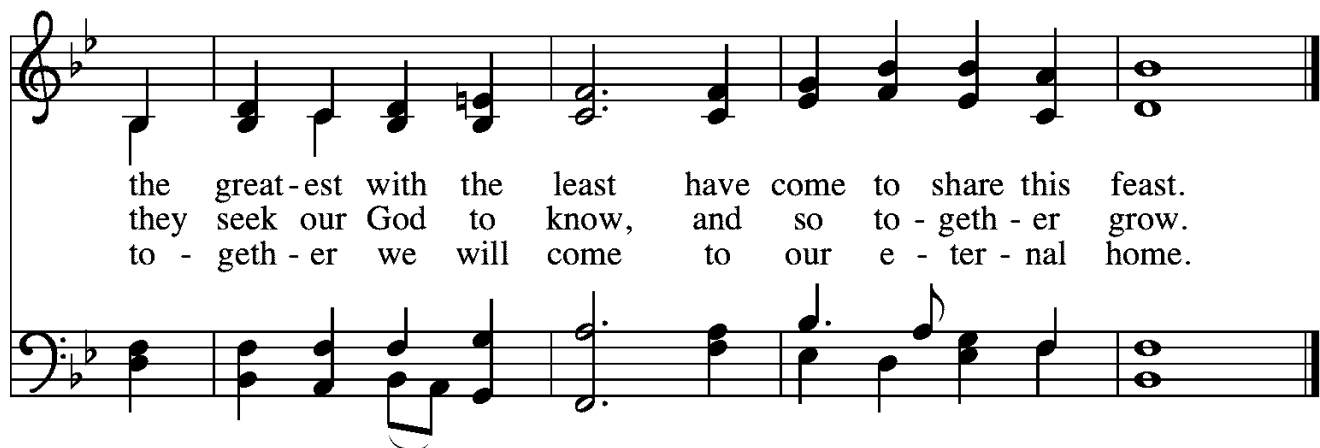
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
 learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

Psalm 16:1-2,5-8, 11

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who upholds my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation



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

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

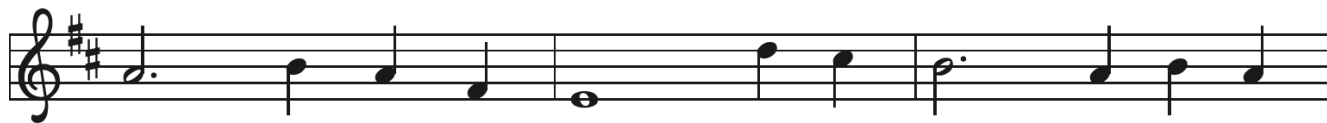
²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

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.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day.

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

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation, especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church.

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

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, especially the Holy Land, Columbia, Cameroon, Myanmar, Thailand, Ukraine, Russia, Congo, Sudan, the United States, and Iran. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees.

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

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering, especially Lyle, Steve, Dorothea, Myles, Gwen, Stan, Jacob, Mary, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

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

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth.

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

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you.

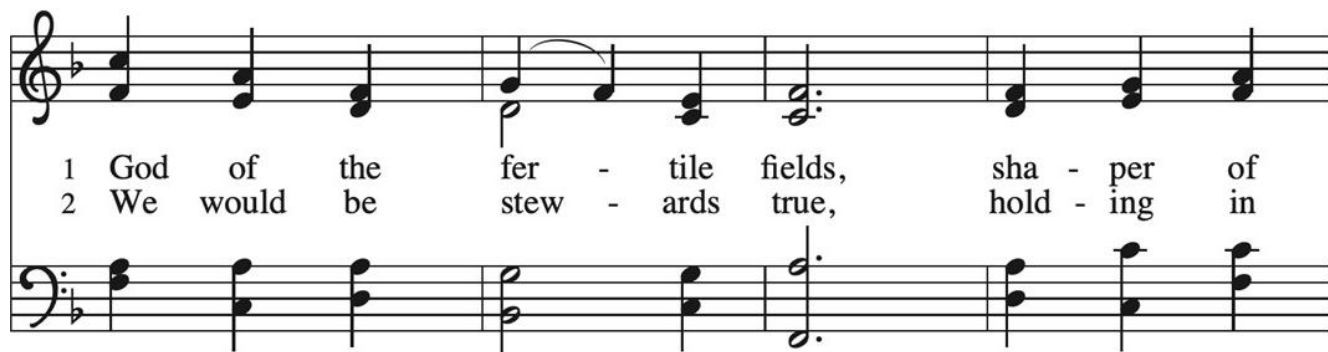
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.

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

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

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



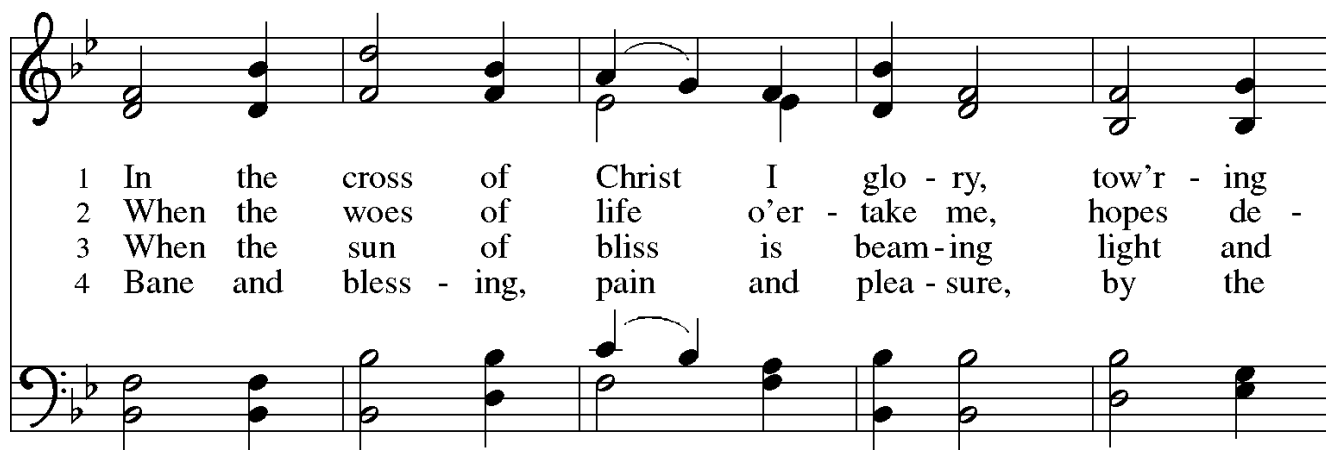
be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Communion Song

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Sending Song

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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+ Sunday to Sunday

4 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Season of Creation
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
5 – Monday	5:00 pm	Karate
6 – Tuesday	9:30 am	Prayer Circle
	4:00 pm	Karate
7 – Wednesday	5:15 pm	Music Together
8 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
10 – Saturday	7:00 pm	AA
11 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Day of Thanksgiving
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	2:00 pm	Nithview Worship

+ Soup Supper + Evening Worship

On Thursday, October 15th, Trinity hosts our monthly simple soup supper, followed by a short evening worship service. Join us at 5:30 pm for supper, followed by worship at 6:30 pm. If you care to contribute soup or bread for the meal, please use the signup sheet in the narthex.

+ Welcoming New Members

On Reformation Sunday, October 25th, Trinity will receive new members. If you're new to Trinity or have found your way to us after a time away, you'd be most welcome to take up your place in our mission and ministry in a simple Affirmation of Baptism rite. Please speak to Pastor Tanya if you would like to join our membership rolls, or if you have any questions.



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Jamie Courtney, parish administrator & minister of music
Brian Racho, sexton ▪ **Gywin Murray**, emerita director of music