

Order of Service November 19, 2023, 10:00 am  
Proper 28/Twenty-Fifth after Pentecost, Communion  
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Welcome to Trinity United. We are glad that you have joined us. May your worship time here inspire and strengthen your spiritual life. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in our Friendship Room across the Lobby. If you would like to speak with a member of our team, please call our office or Pastor Junior.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Preparing our Hearts** Arabesque #1 by Claude Debussy  
A Gift of Music from Perry Calderwood

**Lighting the Christ Candle (Responsive)** Children and Pastor Junior

One: Jesus Christ is the light that shines in the shadows of life, who bursts like sunshine through clouds of sadness, whose presence changes gloom into gladness.

**All: We light the Christ candle rejoicing that the presence of God is with us this morning**

~ Fern Gibbard, for Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C.

**Affirming Statement** Pastor Junior

**Land Acknowledgment (Unison)**

**We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Anishinaabe Algonquin people who have been sustained in body, mind, and spirit through their relationship with this land for thousands of years.**

**I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is hearing the call to continue learning of our colonial history and the on-going impacts of our privilege, and taking up the challenging and healing work toward reconciliation.**

~ James Bay United Church, Victoria, BC

**Welcome** Pastor Junior

**Announcements** Jan Stonehouse

**Introit** "When the Spirit of God"  
From the Then Let Us Sing Sampler

**Gathering in Community (Responsive)** Pastor Junior

One: Let us praise the God of Truth!  
**All: Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.**

One: Let us praise the God of Peace!  
**All: Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.**

One: Let us praise the God of Love!  
**All: Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!**

**We Approach God (Responsive)** Pastor Junior

One: Transforming God,  
you take the night and give us day.  
**All: You take our strife and give us peace.**

One: You take our sadness and give us joy.  
**All: You take our fear and give us courage.**

One: You take death and give us new life.  
**All: O God, you give and you give and you give.**

One: So we come to praise you  
and offer our love and loyalty as your willing  
servants  
in the name of Christ who enriches  
our lives with grace.

**All: and in the power of the Spirit who prays  
within us  
when we cannot find the right  
words to honour you.**

### Prayer for Healing (Unison)

Trusting God,  
you placed your mission in our hands  
and gave us gifts to accomplish amazing things in Jesus' name.  
We confess sometimes we've taken credit for what your love has done.  
Sometimes we've called our own desires your will.  
Sometimes we've stepped back and let others carry responsibilities.  
Forgive us when we've failed to honour your trust in us.

Assurance of God's Love Pastor Junior

We Proclaim Our Faith (Unison) Congregation

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (Responsive) Pastor Junior

The Peace of Christ be with you!  
And also with you.  
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Hymn VU686 God of Grace and God of Glory

### GOD REVEALS THE WORD TO US

Prayer for Understanding Scripture Helen Barkley

First Reading: "The Coming of the Lord" Helen Barkley  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### All Generations Conversation

Anthem Cantar! (Sing!) by Jay Althouse Choir

### Community Life and Works Conversations

- Susan Hopkinson, Directory of Caldwell Family Centre
- Transgender Day of Remembrance - Derek Kitchen and Jordan Christensen; video: Pride Unravelled by Egale Canada
- Shirley Forrester, Visiting Care Team on Confidentiality

Hymn God Lights a Lamp, Words by Katie Graber Video  
Music by Anneli Loep Theiessen  
From the Then Let Us Sing Sampler

The Great Thanksgiving (Communion) – Pastor Junior  
(Responsive)

One: Because there is one bread,  
we who are many are one body,  
**All: for we all partake of the one bread.**

One: In Christ, God breaks down the walls  
that make us strangers to ourselves,  
and divide us from one another.  
**All: We are the body of Christ.**

One: At this table we bear witness to our faith.  
**All: At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness,  
and healing to our world.**

One: Let us break bread together.

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One: What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice,  
to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Then let us remember God's ways  
and seek to walk them together.

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One: Together we say:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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One: Therefore we proclaim our hope:

**All: Dying, Christ destroyed our death.  
Rising, Christ restored our life.  
Christ will come in glory.**

### Sharing the Bread (Responsive)

Pastor Junior

One: The body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life.**

One: The blood of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.**

### Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Pastor Junior

One: Together we pray:

**All: For the bread we have eaten,  
for the wine we have tasted,  
for the life we have received,  
we thank you God.  
Grant that what we have done**

**and have been given here,  
may so put its mark on us,  
that it may remain always in our hearts.  
Grant that we may grow  
in Christian love and understanding,  
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,  
in Christ's name. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Junior

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One: We gather these and all our prayers,  
thankful that we may turn to you  
as to our Mother who loves us, as we say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### Offering Invitation

Pastor Junior

### Offertory Response

MV143 vs. 3 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky  
(Abundant Life)

**God calls humanity to join  
As partners in creating  
A future free from want or fear,  
Life's goodness celebrating,**

**That new world beckons from afar,  
Invites our shared endeavour,  
That all may have abundant life  
And peace endures forever.**

**Prayer over the Gifts (Unison)**

Pastor Junior

**Holy One, receive our gifts as tokens of our love and loyalty. Use these gifts to sustain the mission of the Church in ways we cannot yet imagine, in a future that you are creating through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

**Closing Hymn**

VU646 We Are Marching (Siyahamba)

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Pastor Junior

**Sung Blessing**

MV215 Peace Be With You

**Peace be with you, peace forever,  
Peace be with you, my friends.  
Till we meet again, may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.**

**Postlude  
(instrumental)**

Prelude in G - Opus 23, #5  
by Sergei Rachmaninoff  
A Gift of Music from Perry Calderwood

**Music Notes from Kim**

A warm thank you and huge applause to our guest musician this week, Perry Calderwood. Perry completed his Associate Diploma (ARCT) in Piano performance and in teaching in the early 80's. The ARCT diplomas represent achievements of the highest levels of the Royal Conservatory of Music Program, and a culmination of 10+ years of study at the keyboard. Perry left music in the background for many years while he worked in a very rewarding and distinguished career as a senior member of Canada's diplomatic service. Upon retirement last year, he decided to take up playing the piano once again. Are we ever fortunate to hear his work on 2 classical pieces this morning!

Over the course of the past several weeks we've been exploring music from the **Then Let Us Sing** sampler (<https://thenletussing.ca/>), the United Church of Canada's new digital hymn resource. We're one of 350 test congregations for the new music across Canada.

One of the goals of the TLUS project is to make music accessible and available in new ways. Music is for everyone! Today's service includes, **God Lights a Lamp**, presented via video, and sung by a deaf person, in American Sign Language (ASL). In total, 20-25 hymns are being recorded in ASL and several in French Sign Language (FSL), thanks to Rev. Phil Wilson who coordinated this effort with friends in the deaf community in Belleville, Ontario.

**God Lights a Lamp** was written by Anneli Loepp Thiessen, an interdisciplinary musicologist researching and writing on women in music, and focussing on music education and congregational church music. She is working on her PhD at the University of Ottawa. Learn more about Anneli here: <https://www.aloeppthiessen.com/>.

All comments are invited and most welcome on TLUS sampler music! Does this music fit within our theological/ethical framework, is it singable, do you think this song/hymn should be included in our hymnody? Do you like it? Or, does it rub you the wrong way? A chat with me, or an email: [silvercadencemusic@gmail.com](mailto:silvercadencemusic@gmail.com) is a great contribution to our report to the project leads! (Due: December 31, 2023)

About the anthem - Cantar! - It's not very often that we get to do an anthem with a Cuban salsa beat! Cantar! means "Sing!" in Spanish, and the other phrases in this choral arrangement mean "Sing a lively song" and "Sing with one voice" and "alleluia" (God be praised). A challenging, but exciting, selection from our choral library, and a demonstration of our choir's talents and special gift to all at Trinity!

As always, may the music give your spirit and soul inspiration and joy today.

Kim