

Sunday May 17, 2026

10:30am,

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Worship Leaders Rev. Wanda Stride, Jean Green

10:20 Announcements from the Pulpit

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting

The Risen One meets us today.

Thanks be to the God of Life.

Acknowledgement Of The Traditional Territory

This morning we are gathered on the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, situated in the treaty territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, specifically the Gunshot Treaty which is part of the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement of 2018. May those of us, of settler heritage, strive to learn about these Treaties and develop good relationships with First Nations.

Moment to Gather Ourselves

Song To Gather Us Together: TLUS 107, Come And Rest In The Arms Of God

Come and rest in the arms of God,

leave your worry and fear;

make your home in the heart of God,

God will dry ev'ry tear.

For the burden you carry will fade within God's care,

Come and rest in the arms of God. *Repeat*

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call To Worship

From the corners of the earth and the depths of creation, Christ calls us.

We are here to answer that call.

May God find us faithful and willing.

In deep partnership and respect, we long for the presence of the One who is within, around and before us.

Christ is the source of all we do.

May the divine one find us faithful and willing.

We look around, we look up, we look within,

Trusting that God is here.

We know God is always with us.

We give thanks now to Creator, Christ and Spirit.

Opening Hymn: MV 30, It's A Song Of Praise For The Maker

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker, The gray whale sings in the sea,

Refrain

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

2. It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore,
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover, the summer breeze joins the song,
4. It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings,

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Holy Wondering (Covenanting with David and Kimberlie)

Voice one: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus.

Voice two: Sent Jesus to the world. Not just to people.

Voice one: God gave Jesus authority over all living flesh.

Voice two: Authority over everything in this world that can wither and die: not just people.

Voice one: God also equips us with all we need to be part of a bigger picture.

Voice two: A bigger picture, not just for our own benefit, but for the greater good.

Voice one: Some are good teachers.

Voice two: Some are good listeners.

Voice one: Some are good preachers.

Voice two: Some are good dreamers.

Voice one: All of us bring our gifts to God's family,

Voice two: to all living flesh, not just people.

Voice one and two: and the body of Christ flourishes.

Voice one: Today we are celebrating with two people who are bringing gifts of advocacy, creation-care and leadership.

Voice two: Kimberlie Hood and David Richards, would you please come forward now.

Voice one: Joining with people from across Canada, Kimberlie and David are living into their spiritual gifts in a new way, in partnership with all of us here at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church.

Voice two: They will teach themselves and educate us.

Voice one: They will study and work, enabling new ministry here.

Voice two: They will create a program for children

Voice one: They will tend the life emerging in our vegetable and pollinator gardens

Voice two: They will share their faith by example, by word and through prayer.

Congregation: **We give thanks for the Spirit that works through them and us, calling us all to be stewards of God's creation, all flesh, all the world.**

Voice one: David and Kimberlie, do you believe that you are called to be a Climate motivator in the United Church of Canada?

I do, trusting in God's faithful presence.

Voice two: Do you promise to follow the Spirit's call as you lift up Creation as a focus for this community of faith? And do you promise to ask for help when you need it, recognizing that we all walk humbly with God?

I do, trusting in God's great mercy.

Voice one: Will you commit yourself to study, striving to learn more, creatively embracing ways to teach all generations about God's love of all Creation?

I will, trusting in God's enlivening spirit.

Voice two: And will you faithfully listen to the many ways the Spirit works through the generations gathered here and beyond, holding many perspectives and dreams in tandem as you strive to learn the Truth of God's loving presence in creation?

I will, God being my helper.

Voice one: Will the congregation please rise as is comfortable, or rise in Spirit as we make our own promises to support these two in this new ministry.

Voice two: Do you, the congregation of Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, promise to engage in study and prayer with Kimberlie and David, trusting that God, who has created and is creating, is working through them and us to do a new thing in our midst?

We do, God being our helper.

Voice one: And do you promise to welcome them in vulnerability, encourage them through adversity, show mercy to them in times of discouragement, and celebrate the gifts God has placed within their hearts to serve the body of Christ in this place.

We do, God being our helper. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. We celebrate the new connections made across this country. And with awe and respect, trust in the work of Christ who has guided them to this new partnership between us, Creation, and God.

Voice two: then let us all celebrate this new partnership made today!

Halle Halle Halle-Lu-Jah

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Hallelujah, halle lu Jah.

Voice one: Kimberlie Hood and David Richards, we are now officially partnered, covenanted and committed to this ministry of Creation Care with you and the wider church, rooted in God's love, guided by Christ's lead, enlivened by the Spirit's call.

Voice two: May you feel the presence of God in all this adventure places before you. Go in peace!

Repeat After Me Prayer

Ukulele Hymn: VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

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Volunteer Appreciation

Silence and Song of Illumination

Sing: MV 97, Listen, God Is Calling

Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Repeat

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Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

Gospel Lesson: John 17-1-11

Response: This is the Gospel of the risen Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn Presentation: TLUS 111, As The Wind Song Through The Trees

As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

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Sermon: Come and See.....wait and see.

Invitation To The Offering

Offering Hymn: VU 232, Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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Blessing

Loving One, we wait for so many things. Most of all, we wait for your spirit to work through us, to help us see your realm take root in our time. In the meantime, bless these gifts we have shared, and inspire within us a spirit of generosity, so that we can continue to be a blessing in your world, one prayer at a time, one kind word at a time. amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for our own bodies and souls, especially: **Daniel, Henry, Ewa (Eva), Mandalyn, Bill Harris, Donna, Graham, Kevin, Grace Peters, Agnes Ward, Al, John** . *(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers: Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti, Rita McKeown and Michelle Ludlow)*

The Lord's Prayer:

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 884, You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills with break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (x x)

The trees of the field will clap their hands (x x)

The trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy. Repeat

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Skills and Gift Silent Auction...will run each Sunday after church through the month of May. All items will be on display during coffee time.

Suzie Vinnick in Concert, May 29, 7pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by e-transfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca or by clicking on this link

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Three time Juno nominee, 12 Maple Blues award-winner and 2 Canadian Folk Music Award-winning artist. A Saskatoon native transplanted to the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada, Suzie Vinnick is the proud owner of a gorgeous voice, impressive guitar and bass chops and an engagingly candid performance style. Suzie is a 3X Juno Nominee and has won 12 Maple Blues Awards, 2 Canadian Folk Music Awards and a 2024 ECMA with her project A'Court, Spiegel and Vinnick. She has also twice won the International Songwriting Competition – Blues Category. Her latest album is entitled "Fall Back Home".

From The Outreach Committee

Here From The Beginning Exhibit, A celebration of faith, history, community, and The United Church of Canada, May 12 1-4pm, self tour, May 15th, Open House, May 17th, Self Tour.

This exhibition shines a light on the stories, experiences, and contributions of Black people within the church, bringing forward voices that have not always been given the space they deserve.

From The Worship Committee

"New Peoples" Breakfast

May 31 at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by Reverend Wanda. Invitations are out and available now! If you are new to Trinity-St. Andrew's or still feel new, even after five years, please plan to attend.

Welcoming is up to all of us!

Every Sunday, we will remind you to take those few minutes after the 10:20 announcements and look around for somebody you don't know, or somebody you kind of know but can't remember their name, and let them know you are glad they are here.

Bible study ...Wednesdays at 10am. Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

Lectio DivinaPlease reach out to Irene Robb (eneri1414@gmail.com) or the office (admin@trinitystandrews.ca) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf> . We are gathering **Wed. June 10th**, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

Celebrate Pride on June 14th, 2026

TSA's 5th annual Pride Walk and Worship Service is on Sunday, June 14th!

Assemble on the church's rainbow steps for the Pride Walk at 10AM. The walk will run, rain or shine.

The Walk ends at Memorial Park where the Pride Worship Service will start at 10:30AM. In case of rain, the worship service will be held in the church.

We'll have great music, a kids play area, refreshments, pride flags and other items. Come and show your Pride by supporting this year's Walk and Worship Service!

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. The next meetings are Tuesday, June 2nd. For more information, email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

Exciting news! The LGBTQ+ Family Support Group has a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette or Janet and they will show you all of the titles available!