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*(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else
You never know how you will Bless them)*

Welcome: Rev. Takouhi

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive, Accessible and
an Affirming Congregation



*Welcome, to the Spa for the Soul as we gather for
worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a
newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually,
we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but
depart knowing you are part of the family. **Welcome Home!***

WE GATHER AS PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY

Land Acknowledgement- *Rev. Takouhi*

Introit: *"Put a little love in your heart" (de Shannon)*

Call to Worship – A New Creed¹ (All) - *Rev. Takouhi*

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.



¹ A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in our worship (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).

Hymn of Praise: - Voices United #333

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opening Prayer: *Rev. Dave Steele*

Opening Hymn of Trust: Voices United **#651**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.



WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

UCC Milestones Through the Years: *Rev. Takouhi*

Song of Illumination: Voices United #381

"Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Scripture: *Rev. Arlyce Schiebout*

Gospel of John 12:20-28. (NRSVUE): Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

Meditation: *"Fantasia" on "Old Hundredth" (Wilson)*

Reflection: *Rev. Lynne Gardiner*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #307

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

- 1 - Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
- 2 - We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
- 3 - Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4 God of all living, God of all loving,
 God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
 teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
 using us gently and making us one.

Prayers of Hope and Healing – Rev. Debbie Steele

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Spoken)

Offertory Song: Voices United #541 Rev. Takouhi

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries: Rev. Takouhi



*Mindful of the abundance we have received
from God, we offer ourselves and our gifts to the
glory of God. (This afternoon's offertory will be
dedicated to the Mission & Service, unless
otherwise specified).*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication² (All): Rev. Takouhi

Empowering God,
we believe your Spirit is with us this day,
leading us into a new future.
We offer our time, talents, finances, and hopes,

² <https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Funitd-church.ca%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2025-03%2Fnorthern-lights-centennial-worship-wider-church.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

trusting you to do more than we can dream possible.
Bless us and these offerings with your Spirit.
May we be bold disciples,
deeply connected to you,
who dare to act for justice.
This we pray, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #713 (vv.1, 3, & 4)

"I See a New Heaven"

Refrain:

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.



1 - There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be.

Refrain:

3 - There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love.

Refrain:

4 - There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.

Refrain:

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

Commissioning & Benediction – *Rev. Lynne*

Choral Amen

Postlude: *"Praise the Lord" (Smith)*

