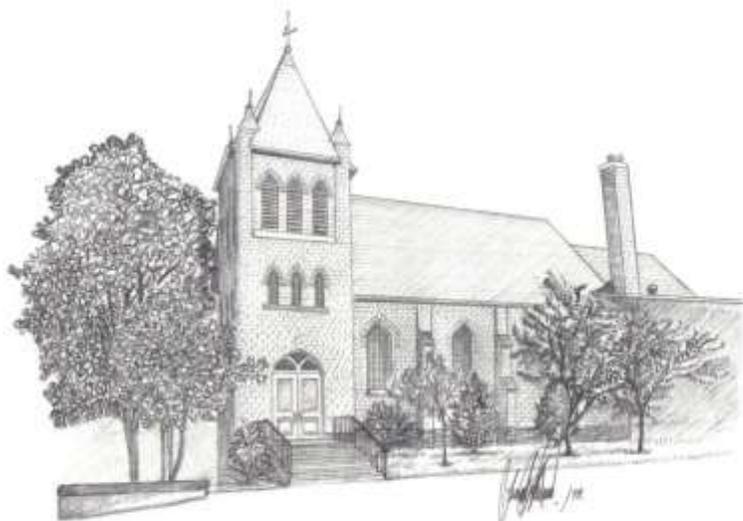


Trinity United Church

Interim Minister: The Rev. Murray Rounding
Minister of Music: John Langille
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Sunday, November 18, 2018

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Covenanting Sunday

Order of Worship

***Indicates to stand as you are able**

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

Music to Bring us Together: The choir enters

Welcome & Introductions: Joanne Purchase

Announcements

Quiet Preparation for Worship:

***Call to Worship:** (The Rev. Steve Willey)

Leader: The living God is the beginning of our journey,
our guide along the way, and our final destination.

People: **There is no happiness that compares to the
joy of journeying in the presence of the Holy One
whose wonderful love exceeds the sum of all human loves.
Therefore, we will rejoice!**

Leader: Standing on the threshold between memory and hope,
let us sing of the steadfast love of God.

People: **As we remember all that has been, and anticipate all that
is to come,
let us worship and proclaim the faithfulness of God to all
generations.**

***HYMN: #1 More Voices (insert) “Let us Build a House”**

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of
grace; here the love of Christ shall end division;*

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong
and true, where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s
reign a new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol
of God’s grace;*

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:*

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word
they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image
of God’s face;*

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within
the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith
and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:*

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

OPENING PRAYER: (The Rev. Nina Fulford)

Choral Response: #94 More Voices vs.1

*“Love knocks and waits for us to hear,
to open and invite;
Love longs to quiet every fear,
and seeks to set things right.”*

WE HEAR THE WORD:

In the Epistle: Hebrews 10: 11-25 (lay reader)

In Music: (The Choir) – “God is Calling Us” (N. Sleeth)

In the Gospel: Mark 13:1-8 (Murray)

HYMN: #421 VU*“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”**

Sermon: “Transition; On The Way to New Birth”

WE COVENANT TOGETHER:

Presider (The Rev. Steve Willey): Let us ask God to bless us as we covenant together this day.

People: Almighty God, by our baptism you have called us to Christ’s ministry. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves to work together in Christ’s name. Amen

Presider: We, the people of Trinity United Church, Rev. Murray Rounding, and those representing Living Waters Presbytery and Toronto Conference, are gathered here in the presence of God to celebrate a new ministry, and to covenant together for the service of Christ in this congregation and in this community. While we are many and diverse, we are one Church in Christ; as one Church we seek with one heart to covenant, and to fulfil the promises we make this day.

Promises of the Pastoral Charge

Presider (The Rev. Nina Fulford): Would the Rev. Murray Rounding please join us, and would the people of Trinity United Church please stand.

You, the members of Trinity United Church have requested the appointment of Murray Rounding to serve as your Interim Minister. You are called to join with him in worship, study, prayer and action and in the working out of the goals set for this Interim time. Will you, the congregation, take your part with Murray in the Church's ministry within this Pastoral Charge and in the world?

People of Trinity United Church: Yes, we will, by the grace of God.

Presider: Will you support and encourage Murray as he serves among you as your Interim Minister?

People of Trinity United Church: Yes we will, by the grace of God.
(*The congregation may be seated*)

Promises of the Interim Minister

Presider (The Rev. Steve Willey): Murray Rounding, you have accepted the responsibilities of Interim Minister in this Pastoral Charge. To achieve this will require, on your part, the diligent exercise of Christian study, meditation, prayer and action. Therefore, I ask you, will you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Interim Minister: Yes I will, by the grace of God.

Presider: Will you accept the discipline of Toronto Conference, and accept the support and encouragement of this pastoral charge and Living Waters Presbytery and, together with Trinity's members and adherents, be responsible for the oversight of the church's life?

Interim Minister: Yes I will, by the grace of God.

Promises of the Presbytery and Conference

Presider (the Rev. Steve Willey): Would the members of Living Waters Presbytery, and representatives of Toronto Conference please stand. Will you, as members of Living Waters Presbytery and Toronto Conference, join with Murray Rounding and Trinity United Church in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

Representatives of Presbytery and Conference: Yes, we will, by the grace of God.

Presider: Will you exercise oversight and support for their work and witness and encourage them in this Interim Ministry?

Representatives of Presbytery and Conference: Yes, we will, by the grace of God. (*the representatives may be seated*)

Covenanting With the Transition Team

Chair of the Council (Joanne Purchase): During a period of Interim Ministry, the Transition Team plays a vital role in helping the congregation, and the Interim Minister meet the goals that the community of faith has set for itself. This always an important responsibility, and sometimes it can be a difficult one. Trinity's Transition Team will need the prayers and support of the people it represents and serves.

Would the members of the Transition Team please stand come forward.

Promises: You, the members of the Transition Team have been chosen from amongst the congregation to serve during this time of transition. Your task is to help the interim process in achieving the goals that have been decided upon. You are called especially to provide opportunities for the congregation to participate in events that will lead to renewal and reconciliation, and to listen to their concerns, hopes and visions about the future of Trinity United Church.

Are you willing to accept these responsibilities?

Members of the Transition Team: Yes, we are, by the grace of God.

Chair of the Council: Would the members and adherents of Trinity United Church please stand.

I ask you now, the members and adherents of Trinity United Church, will you support the work of this Transition Team by your active participation in the events and activities that they will conduct in order to fulfill their mandate

People: We will, by the grace of God. (*the people may be seated*)

Presentation of Symbols

Presider: Trinity United Church and Murray Rounding, let these be signs of the Interim Ministry that is ours and yours in this place.

People: Amen.

Declaration

Presider (The Rev. Steve Willey): Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the Living Waters Presbytery, and Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada. I declare you, Murray Rounding, covenanted as Interim Minister of Trinity United Church.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Blessing (The Rev. Nina Fulford)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:

Prayers of the People:

***Communion Hymn: #460 VU “All Who Hunger”**

*Passing the Peace:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with You.

You are invited to greet those around you with signs and words of God’s peace with the shaking of hands or embrace and the words: “The peace of Christ”

Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory Music: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (Arr. C. Berry)

*Offertory: #191 More Voices

*“What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.”*

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God

Leader: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy One, Before all that is, You were God.

Outside of all we know, You are God.

After all is finished, You will be God.

And this is our song:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy God,
Our life, our mercy, our might.
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one who comes in your name.**

Leader:

Holy One,
 You beyond the galaxies,
 You under the oceans,
 You inside the leaves,
 You pouring down rain,
 You opening the flowers,
 You feeding the insects,
 You sending the snow,
 You holding us in the night,

Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
 Your hand with Moses and Miriam,
 Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
 You are among, healing teaching, guiding,
 Inviting us to your feast.

On the night before he died,
 Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
 During the meal he took the bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and
 gave it to his friends saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance
 of me.

At the end of the meal he filled a cup with wine, gave thanks, and
 offered it to his friends to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all
 people for the forgiveness of sin.

Drink in remembrance of me.

Holy One,
 we remember; life, love, healing, hope, death and resurrection calling
 us to join together in the great mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died
 Christ is risen
 Christ will come again.**

Leader:

In life, in death, in resurrection we offer thanks and praise for this
 sustaining meal and for all the gifts around us.

May all who eat and drink this day be one in celebration, holiness and
 transition.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit, all glory is yours, God of all, now and forever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (said in unison)

The Fraction:

The Invitation:

Leader:

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is not the table of
 Trinity United Church,

Nor is it the table of the United Church of Canada, or any particular
 denomination.

This is the set for us by God, the family feast of the whole people of
 God.

All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith and
 long to live justly and in peace with all of creation, are welcome here.
 Let us eat and drink together for our strengthening in faith and for the
 sake of the world.

(Servers will now take the communion elements to the appointed
 locations and once in place the liturgy will continue)

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come for
 everything is now ready.

Distribution of the Elements:

Beginning with the choir, you are invited to proceed, in silence, to one
 of the communion stations as previously discussed, to take a chunk of
 bread and dip it into the cup and then eat, and then to proceed to your
 seat in silence. If you are unable to get to a serving station, please
 remain in your seat and you will be served in your seat.

Communion Anthem: "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"
 (Arr. J. Holstein)

Prayer After Communion: (in unison)

For the bread we have eaten and 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.

***HYMN: #688 VU**

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

Leader: In the loving of neighbour and the sharing of love

People: together we shall go on

Leader: In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life together

People: together we shall go on

Leader: In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest

People: together we shall go on

Leader: In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents

People: together we shall go on

Leader: In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey

People: together we shall go on

Leader: In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith

People: together we shall go on

Leader: God's blessing be upon you as we leave and return changed to our homes.

May we strengthen and encourage one another in our shared vision.

And may the blessing of our adventurous Creator God go with us.

And may the blessing of the One who showed us how to live, re-shape us.

And may the blessing of the dancing Spirit

joyfully enable us in our renewed living. Amen.

***PARTING SONG: #649 VU “Walk With Me” Chorus, vs.4, Chorus**

Postlude: “Austria” (D. Hustaad)



*Please gather in Trinity Hall after worship
for a further time of fellowship and a light lunch.*

Sunday, November 18th, 2018

Welcome to Trinity!

No matter the reason you came,
you are welcome here.

Your presence enriches our worship.

We are glad you came.

Our Nursery is available downstairs.

Our Sunday Kids Program is back!

You are invited to Trinity Hall following this worship service for coffee and tea, for a time of fellowship and a light lunch. Don't forget to wear your name tags!

Rev. Murray Rounding's new email address is: trinmin@vianet.ca

Many of our Trinity family know **Darcy Dingle** who is currently a member of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Over a week ago, Darcy suffered a broken bone in a fall at home and as a result, he is in the Huntsville Hospital until arrangements can be made to transfer him to a Rehabilitation Facility in Gravenhurst, within the next few weeks? Darcy says he is feeling well enough to receive visitors. We send Darcy Trinity's healing love.



Reports for the **December issue of Trinity's Communicator** newsletter are due to Suzy in the office by Monday, November 19th. JOY is the focus for this winter issue.

Coffee House / Folk night!! Come for an evening of quiet folk music in the style of the 60's coffee houses on **Friday December 7th at 7:00 pm** in Trinity Hall. If you are interested in performing a song or two or know someone who might like to perform, don't be shy come and talk with Chuck or Sally McClelland (705 571 1229, chas.mcclelland@gmail.com). This is a fund raiser and admission is \$5.00! *Hope to see you there!*



Christmas decorating time! On Wednesday, November 28th from 9:30 am till about noon, we will be decorating in the Sanctuary for Christmas. If you can help out, please bring your lunch and come along!