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**Sunday, June 15, 2025**

**Celebration of the 100th Anniversary**

**of the United Church of Canada**

**Trinity Sunday**

# *GATHERING IN COMMUNITY*

*The* PRELUDE ~ "Panis Angelicus" by César Frank

*The* OPENING HYMN ~ VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God Almighty

*The* WELCOME *and the* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

*The* LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The* CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God created heaven and earth.

**All: On June 10th, 1925, God created a new denomination called The United Church of Canada.**

One: As we come before the Creator, let us wonder at all that God has created.

**All: Let us worship!**

*(adapted words by J. McKean, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2018)*

*The* OPENING PRAYER

**All: Holy God, as we join together to worship you on the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, please help us to know your presence.**

**Sing your joy in us; sing your comfort in us.**

**Ring out your peace, your love, your mercy, and your justice in us. May your voice resonate through our bodies, our spirits, our lives.**

**Birth in us life, new life, and life abundant, and equip us to share that life and love with the world you so love. Amen.**

*(adapted words by C. Masterman, Pentecost 1, Gathering 2020)*

*The* INVITATION to CONFESSION

*The* PRAYER *of* FORGIVENESS

**All: Holy Trinity, we are grateful for the 100 years of The United Church of Canada, with all its successes and all its failures to live your love in this world.**

**Living Christ, we thank you for your companionship as you send us out to be your church in the world. Forgive us for getting things so wrong, so often, as we seek to live your mission and purpose.**

**Empowering Spirit, we celebrate your call to deep spirituality, bold discipleship, and daring justice. Forgive us when we think we are not able to live this calling, when we just want to give up and let the church fade away.**

**Gracious God, we are humbled by the embrace within which you love us. May you continue to transform the United Church denomination, each of us and all of us for your purpose in this world. May you enliven us as your disciples, in Christ’s name. Amen.**

*(words by G. Dunbar, Pentecost 1, Gathering 2025)*

*The* WORDS *of* ASSURANCE

***TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US***

A Children’s Story

*A* HYMN ~ VU 823 All People that on Earth Do Dwell

(Version in Scottish Psalter 1650)

***HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

*Reader ~ Geoff Harrison*

*The* PRAYER *of* ILLUMINATION

**All: Living God; written in bygone ages, but still relevant; heard by countless saints of the faith, but still a life-changing witness; your Word finds us, your Word tests us, your Word inspires us, your Word motivates us; and we thank you, Living God. Amen.**

*The* BOOK *of* Proverbs, Chapter 8, verses 1 to 4 and 22 to 31

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8 ~ VU 732

*The* GOSPEL *of* John, Chapter 16, verses 12 to 15

One: Hear the Good News!

**All: Praise be to Jesus Christ!**

*The* REFLECTION ~ “What Would Jesus Think?”

*A* NEW CREED ~ VU page 918

**All: 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.**

*The* INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

*An* OFFERING HYMN ~ MV 27, v3 Creator God You

Gave Us Life

**Sing: When with our hearts, our hands our minds,**

**we share our gifts with all the world,**

**our spirits soar beyond the veil,**

**to touch the very face of God.**

**Through hands that paint majestic skies,**

**and voices chanting melody,**

**with words that reach beyond the page,**

**we comprehend your mystery.**

*The* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Timeless God, you have revealed yourself through ancestors of faith and continue to speak to us. We gather as people of faith have gathered over the eons, in humility and commitment. May the gifts offered continue to tell the story of faithfulness, gifts that we offer in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*(adapted words of L. Turnbull, Pentecost 1, Gathering 2017)*

*The* PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

*The* LORD’S PRAYER

**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**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

***SENDING FORTH***

*The* CLOSING HYMN ~ VU 650 O God of Bethel

*The* COMMISSIONING

**All: With deep love, we have been the United Church of Canada for 100 years. With faith, we have sought to offer service to God in this community and this country. God bless us in all that God has ahead for us. May God bless you and keep you. Amen.**

*(adapted words by E. Bidgood Sveet, Pentecost 1, Gathering 2023)*

*The* BLESSING

*The* BENEDICTION

*The* POSTLUDE ~ My Spirit Longs for Thee, G. F. Handel, arr.

*If you would like to light a candle to represent your prayers for a person or situation that is in your heart, you are invited to do so at the beginning or end of any worship service.*

*Personal prayer requests – please write your prayer requests in our Prayer Share Book during the service.*

*Today’s Greeter ~ Valerie Cousens*

**Announcements**

A logo for a company

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**Sunday, June 15th**

**Celebrate the UCC’s 100th Birthday in Style!**

Join us **today** for a special worship service and catered lunch as we celebrate 100 years of the United Church of Canada! Everyone is invited!

**Sunday, June 15th ~ Sundays UnLocked @10am to 5pm.**

**Today!** Sundays UnLocked returns for 2025! The Locke Street shops will unlock the street for live music, patios, artisans, family fun, shopping, and great food! This will be a pedestrian only event so Locke Street will be close to vehicular traffic between Hunter Street and Herkimer Street so be prepared for a few detours!

**Saturday, June 21st**

**Knitting & Crochet @ 9:30 – 11:30**

Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

A poster with text and flowers

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**Friday, June 27th ~ Progressive Euchre** ~ Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30 sharp! Beginners welcome!

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**Thank you !**

A huge thank you to Rosella, Gwyn, Margaret and all of our wonderful volunteers who made the Great Melrose Garage Sale such a huge success! Over $500 has been raised!

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.Social Media at Melrose!**

Did you know? Melrose has an active social media presence on Facebook and Instagram! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events, the wider church and for messages of inspiration! Please visit: www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch

www.instagram.com/melroseuc/

**News From the Office**

Please be sure to submit your items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email the office. Thank you!