

## **Trinity Sunday**

May 30, 2021

*(voice over) We welcome you to this time of worship and as we do so, we acknowledge that McClure United Church stands on treaty 6 territory and homeland of the Metis Nation. We pay our respect to elders both past and present, wherever we find ourselves today. We also acknowledge our commitment as an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada as we strive to be an open-minded, inclusive and welcoming place of worship. It is our hope that no matter your age, race, class, ability, gender, gender identity and sexual orientation, you will feel the warmth and blessing of God's love today. And we give thanks to God for this opportunity to gather together for worship, reflection, song and prayer. May you feel the God's blessing upon you today.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good morning everyone and welcome to the worship of God with McClure United Church. Today is the Sunday in the church year known as Trinity Sunday and I am happy to welcome Reverend Jordan Cantwell from St. Martin's United Church who will be offering the reflection today. Also grateful to Cole MacGillivray for reading scripture for us. Throughout this pandemic I have been grateful for the participation of so many folks in our Sunday services... scripture readers, musicians, guest preachers and everyone else who appeases me and my crazy ideas. It continues to just be so important for us to be visible to one another. Hopefully soon we will be able to see one another face to face but, in the meantime... this is what we've got. Honestly I wept with a mix of gratitude and longing as I watched the Pentecost dance video. It was amazing... and it has been one of the most viewed videos we have shared so far.

And so.... speaking of my crazy ideas and your willingness to help out – I need pictures of your hands. Heart hands... like this (demonstrate). So you'll need some help with this one – or you'll need to use the timer on your camera. I need lots too... big hands, small hands, old wrinkly hands, young tender hands... allll the hands – held in hearts. And once you've take your photo, please email or text it to me... I'd love to have at least 50 photos ready to use by June 6<sup>th</sup>. I'll be using them in an upcoming worship service.

Also on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am is our Holy Communion Zoom service. The Zoom link can be found on our website, facebook page and in the weekly email. Lets gather together one last time before summer to celebrate this sacrament together. All you need is a bit of bread, some juice and, if you have a candle.

McClure's new Kindness Garden needs some attention.... Here's a photo of myself and Kate after putting it together. Now we just need y'all to fill it with rocks... or take some rocks. You can stop by anytime and take some kindness or offer some kindness.... maybe both. This is one way we can let the community know that we are still here – still sharing God's love.

I'm excited to let you know that we have now hired our second summer staff person. Brooke Barber, a high school student, will be joining us for July and August to offer summer programming to folks of all ages. Brooke is just a lovely young woman with lots of energy, love and joy to bring to this community. She and Eden will make a fantastic team. Watch for details of what they have to offer in the weeks head.

And finally... beginning June 6<sup>th</sup> I will be offering another worship series called "Drawn In: Living out the Creative Life with God"... in this series we will be connecting with and nurturing our inherent creativity as people of God... discovering renewed energy... the energy we need to make this world a better place for all. As a supplement to Sunday worship, I'm interested in gathering with others to explore how we can live out the creative life with God. And by creative I don't mean fine arts creative... I mean living creative. Together we find ways to forge a stronger connection with the Divine. The small group will begin on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and will be from 6:30-7:30pm. The group will run 6 weeks in conjunction with the worship series. You do not need to commit to coming each week... although I'm pretty sure you'll want to. For more information or for the Zoom link to the discussion, you can contact me or go to our website or Facebook page.

This is all the announcements I have for you today.

**OPENING SUNG INTROIT:** Jesus, Come to Our Hearts vs 1 & 2 – Elin Sletmoen

### **OPENING**

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

Let us pray:

We gather to meet with you God...

to become more aware of your presence in our day.

May we be open to your Spirit among us and within us.

We offer to you now our worship.

We offer to you now our praise.

Help us to be remember that you walk beside us  
we do not make the journey alone.

Draw us near to you now,

As you are already near to us.

Amen.

**SONG:** Come O Holy Spirit – Elin Sletmoen and Shirley Blackburn

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 8:18-27 (read by Cole MacGillivray)

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**SERMON** by Jordan Cantwell

### **PRAYERS**

Today, O God, on this Trinity Sunday, we name you: Three in One, One in Three; and claim our place in your community of love.

We are embraced, loving God, embraced in the community that is the heart not just of our church, but also in the community that is the very heart of who you are:

Three in One; Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life.

Within that great love, we are held and treasured.

And we know, as we pray, you have heard us before the words even cross our lips. Knowing this we offer our words, however inadequate they may be, to you now.

We pray for our hurting world. That war-makers will find peace. That the hungry will find food. That refugees will find shelter. That injustice will be answered with all that is right and good.

We pray for all who suffer. For those we love dearly. For those we barely know. For those whose suffering we have ignored. Be present in the healing touch of all hands that help the sick and suffering. And send your Spirit to comfort and protect all who need you.

We pray for all who struggle. For those who cannot see a way through broken relationships, difficult financial realities, emotional darkness, and deep, deep loneliness. May they find you even in the most hopeless places. May they find your people, too, in those places, bringing good news and hope to all who are longing for something new.

We pray for all who are joyful. We rejoice at the promise of new life, and old lives made new. We celebrate the movement through milestones: births, graduations; new jobs; new relationships; the promise of something wonderful. We remember those moments of blessing in our own lives and we thank you for the opportunity to live lives that are full... and to use our lives to share your love.

O God, we offer ourselves to you.. to your love.  
And we name you: Three in One, One in Three; and we claim our place in your community of love.  
Be with us, within us, behind us, before us.  
May we be your comfort, your healing, and your peace and wholeness in the world.  
And we join our voices together now, offering in song, the prayer that Jesus taught...

**SONG:** Dreams and Visions – Celeste Delahey, Lindsay Mohn, Nora Vedress, Frances Kitson, and Joy Cowan

### **BLESSING**

The words God speaks  
are the life and sustenance  
of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives  
is the re-creation and renewed birth  
of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls  
is the inspiration  
for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;  
may our whole lives be worship.  
In all things, may we seek to connect with  
and to reflect your love and your hope.

And may we go from here now strengthened and inspired to be God's comfort,  
healing and peace in the world.

Amen.

**SUNG BLESSING:** Jesus, Come to Our Hearts vs 3 – Shirley Blackburn