

Sunday May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

We Gather In God's Presence

Acknowledgement of the Land: This land is our Creators'. For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on and cared for this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. As we come into worship we recognize that Dorchester United Church is located on the traditional territory of the Anishnabewaki, the Attawandaronk, the Mississauga, and others. The community of Dorchester is represented by the London Township Treaty of 1796.

As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work toward justice and reconciliation as together we care for God's creation and for one another.

Prelude: "Be Still, My Soul" Jean Sibetius, Arr. Cindy Berry

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

One: As children of God, the One who created and is still creating

All: we welcome signs of God's creation and live in awe of all that is.

One: As those who seek to follow Jesus, the One whose life and teachings modeled inclusion, acceptance and grace

All: we live in ways that extend care and love to one another.

One: As those filled with God's Spirit, the One who moves in and among us so that we might speak and listen

All: we are open to the Spirit's moving, allowing us to risk, love and serve in God's world.

One: Together we praise the Creator, Son and Spirit.

All: God, who is with us all. Let's worship God with joy.

Hymn VU 409 Morning Has Broken

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Harmony: Church Pension Fund.

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1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Music by Ruth Morris Gray,
Flute: Laurie Eckert

A New Creed VU 918

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.

Learning With All God's Children

Hymn VU 299 Teach Me, God to Wonder

Words: Walter Farquharson. Music: Ron Klusmeier.
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- 1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.
- 2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.
- 3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.
- 4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8 (VU pg. 732)

From lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**what are mortals, that you should be mindful to us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honours

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,**

all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,

and all that make their way through the waters.

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: "The Stories We Tell"

Hymn **VU 512 Lord, You Give (vs. 1,2,5)**

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- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
 'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
 'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
 life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
 closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: VU 544 (tune 625) In Gratitude and Humble Trust

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself for us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn VU 420 Go To the World

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- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Response: VU 961 "Let us, O God, Depart In Peace" George Whelpton, in the Public Domain.

Let us, O God, depart in peace,
who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face,
and be forever near.

Postlude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" Fetice de Giardini. Arr. Cindy Berry

Of Note:

- Rev. Tracy will not be in the pulpit on June 7, 2026 and we welcome Rev. Catherine Tovell to lead us in worship.