

**Applewood United Church**  
**An Affirming Community**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2026**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
*(\*please stand in body or in spirit)*  
***Bold words are for all to share***

**Music for Gathering:** Spirit Medley/Holy Holy Holy

**Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements**

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the “Dish with One Spoon” Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God’s Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

**Centering Music:** “Where Two or Three are Gathered” MV 14

**\* Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:** *(responsive)*

One: We are gathered by God who dwells beyond us,

**All: we are called by God who dwells among us,**

One: and by God who calls us to dwell together.

**All: We ask for blessing as we come to worship today.**

One: The blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: The blessing of Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.**

One: The blessing of Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer  
and Life-Giver.

**All: The blessing of Author, Word, and Translator.**

One: Let us pray to our God – one in three.

**\* Prayer of Approach for Trinity Sunday** *by Jan Berry*

**All: God, who has made our world  
with its beauty and wonder,  
full of delights for us to explore,**

**grant us wisdom to live gently on the earth,  
holding sacred the air and water, soil and sun.**

**God, who has called human beings your children,  
made to share in the work of creation,  
grant us wisdom to live in harmony with one another,  
holding sacred your image in everyone.**

**God, whose Spirit dwells within us,  
giving us power to live in your name,**

**grant us wisdom to discern your presence,  
holding sacred the glory of love in the everyday.  
Amen.**

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**\* Opening Hymn:** "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" VU 312

### **Welcoming New Members**

Statement of Purpose

### **Presentation**

On behalf of the Applewood United Church congregation,  
I present the following individuals whom we welcome into the membership of this  
community of faith:

<i>Donna Conforzi</i>	<i>Brian MacIntosh</i>
<i>Debbie MacIntosh</i>	<i>Melena Owens</i>
<i>Bill Rivers</i>	<i>Carol Weber</i>

### **Commitment of New Members**      *Rev. Joanne*

One: Donna, Brian, Debbie, Melena, Bill and Carol.  
will you join with us as a faith family, and  
as together we celebrate God's presence,  
live with respect in creation,  
love and serve others,  
seek justice and resist evil?

**New members: I will, with God's help.**

\* Congregational Commitment

One: Dear friends in Christ,  
let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**All: As your siblings in Christ,  
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.  
We pledge to you our love and our support.  
With God's help, Christ's wisdom  
and the urging of the Spirit  
we will work together to create a loving community  
in which God's love is known and God's work done. Amen.**

\* 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.

**Welcome**

**Blessing**

**Musical response:** "Deep in Our Hearts" MV 154 Verses 1 & 2

**Scripture readings:**

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a *The Inclusive Bible*

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 *The Inclusive Bible*

Matthew 28:16-20 *The Inclusive Bible*

**One:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir:** "Now is the Time"

**Reflection:** Sacred Connections

**\*Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" VU 315 verses 1, 3, 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering of Music**

**\*Hymn of Dedication:** "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow" VU 541

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.

**\*Offering Prayer:** *(together)*

**All:** We bring the best of our efforts,  
we share the finest of our skills,  
we offer from the bounty we have received.  
God bless our gifts, and bless those whose lives  
will be touched by what we share.  
**Amen**

**Prayers of the People**

**Sung Response:** "O God We Call" VU 411

**The Lord's Prayer** (said)

**\*Closing Hymn:** "God of the Bible" MV 28

**\*Commissioning/Benediction**

**\*Sung Amen:** "Amen" MV 225

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

**Music for Scattering**