

# Trinity United Church

"If you can't change your mind,  
why have one?"

*Edward Debono*

*"Changing Hearts & Changing Minds"*

August 16, 2026

## Welcome

Whether you are a member of Trinity United, McKenzie United, First Presbyterian, St. Mary's Anglican or a visitor stopping by for the first time, welcome! As an affirming ministry of the United Church of Canada, Trinity seeks to offer an open-hearted welcome to people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, races, ethnicities, ages, economic circumstances and family configurations. Whoever you are and whatever your life story, know that we are glad you are here.

Our service is projected on the screen; please follow along and participate as you wish. Offering plates are located at both ushers' stations for your donations, activity packs for children, and hearing assistance devices are available at the back in the centre with an alcohol swab to clean the earpieces. Cushions are also available in bins at the rear of the sanctuary.

We hope that you find this morning's worship meaningful. You are invited to stay after church for refreshments in the lower auditorium.

## Participants in Worship Today

**Worship Leaders** – Julie Baker, Lesia Case

**Piano** – Elaine Verwey

**Door Host** – Ted Tottle

**Zoom Host** – Tanis Essery

**Sound** – Brian Doherty

**Scripture** – Bob Jones

**Ushers** – Marnie Kilcup, Dave Falk

**Lift Operator** – Alan Brown

**Care Team** – Mary Lou McHenry

**Coffee Hosts** – Winnie Walsh, Bev Porter, Gloria Ross

**Building Host** – Donna Matthews

## ***One More Summer Service Together!***

Join us on **Sunday, August 30** for our final joint summer service before we head back to worship in our own church buildings. This Sunday will be extra special as we welcome MacGregor United Church to join us! We'll also have a joint choir made up of singers from all the churches involved. Everyone is welcome to be part of the choir! Music is available through the office and a rehearsal is planned for **Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in Trinity's sanctuary. Come sing with us and help make our final summer service together a special one!

***Stewardship Second*** - Feeling anxious, worried or fearful? Giving and gratitude are antidotes for an anxious brain and a news cycle which tells us there is never enough.

Thanks for joining us today. If you have questions or concerns, or would like to speak with a minister, please be in touch.

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If you are visiting from another church this morning, **please put your church's name on your offering envelope** so it finds its way home. We want to make sure it gets to the right place. Please note that offering in envelopes clearly marked for a particular congregation will be received and processed by that church.

As we gather for worship, we remember that we gather on the area covered by Treaty 1, traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dene, Dakota, and Oji-Cree nations and is the homeland of the Metis. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

**Attention Gmail users!** - Sometimes church emails may end up in your junk or spam folder by mistake. If you've been missing messages from us, please check those folders regularly and mark our emails as "not spam" when possible. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

**Sunday, August 30  
10:30 a.m.**

**at Trinity United Church**

Please join us for a final service to wind up our summer of sharing, with lunch to follow! This service will be a truly collaborative venture, jointly planned and led by members of First Presbyterian, McKenzie United, St. Mary's Anglican, MacGregor United and Trinity United Churches.

**Children and Youth** – An activity centre is set up at the front of the sanctuary. Any children who wish are welcome to spend a portion or all of the worship time at that table.

**Help Needed – August 30** Trinity is hosting our combined service and lunch, and the UCW is looking for several volunteers to help with setup (at 9:15 a.m.), serving and cleanup (with all jobs you will still be able to attend the service). They're also looking for someone strong to run the dishwasher. Please contact Jacquie through the office (204-857-4471) if you can help!

**Hunger knows no season** - We collect non-perishable food items here at Trinity for the Salvation Army Food Bank. We also collect toiletries (small soaps, shampoos, sanitary supplies, toothpaste, etc.) for the Prairie Harbour Inc. (women's shelter). They are always also in need of bath towels. You are encouraged to bring donations with you anytime to leave at the church office. Thanks for your support of these important community outreach projects.

***If internet or social media's  
more your thing...***

**Websites –**

[www.trinityunitedportage.ca](http://www.trinityunitedportage.ca)

[www.firstpcportage.com](http://www.firstpcportage.com)

[www.stmaryslaprairie.ca](http://www.stmaryslaprairie.ca)

**Facebook Groups**

"Trinity United Church Portage la Prairie"

"McKenzie United Church"

**Instagram** "trinityportage"



Elijah Mwandila is on vacation until August 18. Messages for him may be left at the Trinity office and he will respond to them when he returns.

***Sharing in Prayer***

The Prairie to Pine Region of The United Church of Canada offers a prayer cycle for the congregations within its bounds. Today we are invited to remember in prayer:

- *Little Grand Rapids*
- *Rock Lake*
- *Minnedosa*

Is it too soon to think about this fall? Time goes so quickly. As you think about your plans for the coming school year, what if one lunch hour a week could change a child's life? It can! Volunteer as an In School Mentor - no age too old. Call **Big Brothers Big Sisters** at 204-857-4397. Mentoring Matters!

One way to help alleviate poverty concerns one small act at a time is to support the Women of **Mother Earth Network** that meets regularly at Trinity. They collect **donations of clothing** that they distribute to local residents in need. They accept donations of used clothing in clean condition, and in good repair please! They find that they are able to distribute clothing as quickly as it is donated, and your help is appreciated!