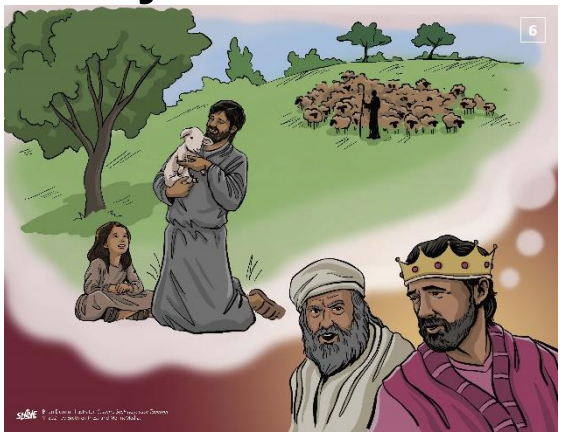
Trinity United Church



Seeking Justice Together:
"Blessed by Chance,
Accountable by Choice"

October 11, 2026

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. Prayer request lists and offering plates are located at both ushers' stations, 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. Please let us know if you have any questions, and we invite you to stay for after church for refreshments in the auditorium downstairs.

Participants in Worship Today

Worship Leaders – Julie Baker & Sylvia Lyall
Piano – Elaine Verwey
Door Host – Kelly Haapamaki
Zoom Host – Tanis Essery
Sound – Iris Yuill
Readers Theatre – Brenda Brand, Carol Wiebe, Kelly Haapamaki
Scripture Reader – Brenda Moorhouse
Usher – Ray Wiebe
Lift Operator – Jim Moorhouse
Care Team – Mary Lou McHenry, Amy Chappellaz
Coffee Host – Sandra Falk
Building Host – Sylvia Lyall

Kid's Corner – Welcome to all! Today there are activities downstairs for young children (pre-K/K) in a variety of locations for parents to use with their children. We have an activity table at the front of the sanctuary, activity packets at the entry ways when you come in, and in the family room downstairs.

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:

- *Warren-Meadow Lea*
- *Balmoral*
- *Winnipeg: Westminster*

Who's in the office? You will find **Julie** in the office sporadically this week, so best to call ahead. **Elijah** will be in on Thursday & Friday, but best to call ahead first. **Jacquie** will be in all week, (except for Monday).

Help support the Women of Mother Earth Network, who collect and distribute clothing to local residents in need. Donations of clean, gently used clothing in good repair are gratefully accepted at Trinity. Your generosity helps provide clothing to those who need it in our community. Thank you for helping!

There are very few services available on the weekend for people living in poverty in our community. At times members of the congregation may be approached by people who are looking for something to eat or drink. There is a supply of water bottles and granola bars stored in the cabinet in the narthex (front entrance). If a care team member is not available, this stash may be accessed by anyone to provide relief to those in need.

Trinity's UCW invites you to their
Soup & Pie Lunch
Sunday, October 18
following worship
Cost: $10

This week at Trinity

Monday, October 12
Thanksgiving Monday – office closed

Wednesday, October 14
Finance meets at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18
UCW Soup & Pie Lunch following worship

Next week at Trinity

Monday, October 19
Grief Team coordinators 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 21
UCW meets at 9:30 a.m. (parlour)
Leadership Team 6:30 p.m.
(meeting room)

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.

McKenzie United Church is holding a **Mom's Pantry** fundraiser! Stock up on your favourite quality food and baking products while supporting their work and programs. Orders can be placed until **Sunday, October 18** (delivery early November), so don't wait too long. Call Jacquie in the office to place your order.

Coming up in Sunday Worship at Trinity…

"Seeking Justice Together"

Today
"Blessed by Chance, Accountable by Choice"

October 18
"For Such a Time as This – Lessons from Esther"

October 25
"Reset. Restore. Rejoice. Proclaim Jubilee!"

November 1
"Every Saint has a Past; Every Prodigal has a Future"

November 8
"Flipping the System"

November 15
"Nevertheless, she persisted."

November 22
"Broken walls and Enduring Purpose"

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Country Lane Quilters Guild
Annual Quilt Show
Saturday, October 17
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MNP Exhibition Bldg - Island Park
$5 admission includes a free draw for a quilt
Light lunch & vendors available

Read a line, share the story - We're looking for a few voices to join in short readers theatre pieces during Sunday services. We invite you to come lend your voice and be part of the story.

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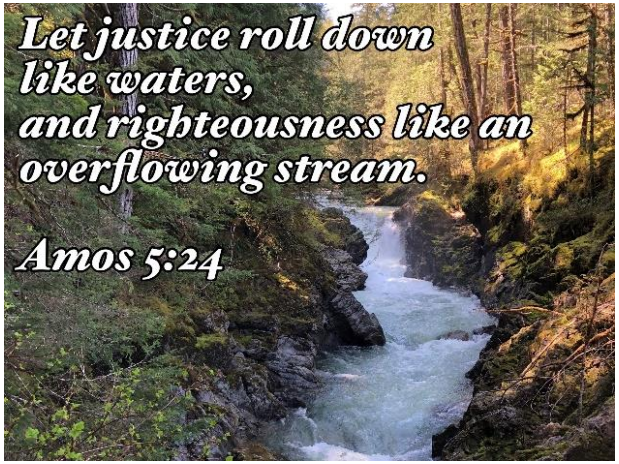
Stewardship Second - God has invited everyone to the great feast of life. Accept the invitation and bring something to share!