

Thunder Bay United Churches Live-Streaming Service
Sunday, May 31st, 2026 - Trinity Sunday
Hosted by Pinegrove United Church
with Worship Leader Rev. Joyce Fergus-Moore
(Pinegrove, Rosslyn; Trinity, Thunder Bay & Trinity, Chapleau)

Welcome *(Sharon Johnson, Pinegrove)*

Land Acknowledgement *(Sharon Johnson, Pinegrove)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(Sharon Johnson, Pinegrove)*

Introit: *“You Alone are God” (M. McDonald) (Trinity Choir, LIVE)*

Call to Worship: *(Responsive – words on screen)*
(Susan Lindquist, Chapleau)

On this day we gather in unity with our brothers and sisters to celebrate God’s gifts to all.

We hear the call to rekindle our spirits and to receive strength for the living of our faith.

On this day we share bread and fruit of the vine, symbols of God’s uniting power and love.

We will open our hearts to accept these gifts, seeking the grace to be true followers of Jesus.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: *“By the Lake in Summer’s Dawning”*
(BEACH SPRING) (words: Peter Fergus-Moore) (led by Pinegrove)

Opening Prayer: *(Unison, words on screen)*
(Sharon Johnson, Pinegrove)

Amazing God, you have shaped the world in wonder and mystery. With thanks we contemplate the good earth you have created and the joys of the seasons. You have created us so that we live as citizens of worlds seen and unseen.

Help us, your people, to live in such a way that your Spirit may become visible in our actions and relationships; through the grace of Jesus Christ, who shared our earthly life. Amen.

Youth Anthem: *"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling"* (Trinity, LIVE)
(Mendelssohn arr. Nelson)
(Elena Scholz, Sophie Hurtubise, Nozomi Cosby;
directed by Jennifer Martyn)

Prayer for Illumination (Rev. Joyce Fergus-Moore, Pinegrove)

Scriptures: *Genesis 1:1 – 2:4 (The Family Story Bible)*
Psalms 8 (VU p.732) (responsive, words on screen)
Matthew 28: 16-20 (NRSVUE)

Sermon: *"God Saw that it was Very Good"*
(Rev. Joyce Fergus-Moore, Pinegrove)

Hymn: *MV # 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"*
(led by Trinity)

Invitation to the Offering (Helen Pierce, Trinity)

Offertory: *"Be Still"* (arr. J. Koerts, Pat Towell, piano)
(Pinegrove - VIDEO)

Doxology: *"Praise God for Gifts That Hands Have Shared"*
(words: Stephen Loweth) (led by Trinity)

Prayer of Dedication: (unison, words on screen) (Helen Pierce, Trinity)

**We are grateful to be your people,
to be called to be generous,
and to follow the courageous way of Jesus.
Bless our gifts, our giving, and our hopes for a world in
which your will is done. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
(Rev. Joyce Fergus-Moore, Pinegrove)

Communion Hymn: VU # 460 "All Who Hunger" (vs 1&2)
(led by Pinegrove)

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you,

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

This is the table of the risen Christ

In this feast comes the root of our joy.

In this holy feast bread becomes life eternal,

Water becomes the wine of mercy and celebration.

Praise be to God. Amen.

All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith are welcome at Christ's table. Hear the words of institution. On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus shared a holy meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it, and passed it to them saying, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Each time you eat this bread, remember me. Then later, he took the cup, blessed it and offered it, saying, "Whenever you drink from this cup, remember me."

Anthem: "One Bread, One Body" (J.B. Foley arr. M. Hayes)
(Jill Schutte, soprano; Pinegrove, LIVE)

Loving God, we offer you this bread and this cup,
remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
So we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy God, we pray that you will send your Spirit on us and what we do here, that we and these gifts may become signs of life and love to one another, and to all the world. **Amen.**

The bread of life broken for you. The cup of compassion and new life poured out for you. The gifts of God for the people of God.

[The Communion Elements are Shared]

Prayer after Communion: *(unison, words on screen)*

God of grace, thank you for bringing us together in your Spirit, the Spirit of mercy and peace promised to us by Jesus. Help us to remember that we are the Body of Christ in the world, loving and praying for one another and for all who have needs. We pray for strength and grace for life's journey, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Communion Hymn: VU 460 "All Who Hunger" (vs 3)
(led by Pinegrove)

Prayers of the People *(Susan Lindquist, Chapleau)*

The Lord's Prayer: *(unison, words on screen)*

Hymn: VU # 481 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing!"
(led by Trinity)

Commissioning and Benediction
(Rev. Joyce Fergus-Moore, Pinegrove)

Sending Forth: VU # 974 "Hallelujah, Amen"
(led by Pinegrove)

Postlude: "Allegro Appassionato" (C. Saint-Saens)
(Kenji Cosby, cello; Mariko Cosby, piano; Trinity, LIVE)

We warmly welcome all visitors who are worshipping with us this morning and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the Sanctuary.