

Welcome

Brief time of Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Invocation 280— *Mother and God* (seated)

Mother and God, to you we sing,
Wide is your womb, warm is your wing,
In you we live, move and are fed
Sweet flowing milk, life giving bread.
Mother and God to you we bring,
All broken hearts, all broken wings. Repeat.

Opening Hymn 442— *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* (standing if able)

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Practical Theology: ‘We are all mothers of God.’

Hymn 556— *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families* (Men Only Singing to the Ladies)

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 23, # 747 VU— The Lord’s My Shepherd (seated)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 78, 79

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon
us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Third Scripture Reading: Micah 7:18

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.

Reflection— *The Wisdom of Tenderness*

Responsive Hymn 269 – *The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young* (seated)

The care the eagle gives her young, safe in her lofty nest,
Is like the tender love of God for us made manifest.

As when the time to venture comes, she stirs them out to flight,
So we are pressed to boldly try to strive for daring height.

And if we flutter helplessly, as fledgling eagles fall,
Beneath us lift God’s almighty wings to bear us, one and all.

Prayers of the People

(The Lord’s Prayer)

Announcements/Offering

Dedication of the Offering

*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*

Hymn 559—*Come O Font of Every Blessing* (standing if able)

Commissioning/Benediction

*Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will be with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true, Know He will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above, go now in peace, in faith, in love. Amen, Amen*



Please join us if you wish for refreshments after service downstairs.

The Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge consists of two churches, Primrose United Church, in Primrose, and Trinity United Church, in Shelburne, Ontario. We are so very glad you have come to visit with us today.

Following in the way of the United Church of Canada, and the footsteps of Jesus Christ, we are interested in partnering with all people, of all inclinations, who are interested in striving to uplift the spirits of others and live in a way that offers hope and grace in all situations. With this in mind we are forming partners in our community with both individuals and groups who have a vision aligned with our own.

We are currently partnered with the [Shelburne Farmer's Market](#) (local food initiatives), [Soup Haus](#) (offering hospitality in the form of complimentary dinners once a week), [Partera Peacekeepers International](#) (dedicated to peacemaking locally and throughout the world), [First Line for Syria](#) (caring for our refugees), [The Quiet Garden Movement](#) (our Primrose meditation garden is part of this international organization), [KAIROS](#) (social justice in Canada, particularly with our indigenous peoples), [Rural Response](#) (an outreach from Family Transition Place reducing barriers to services for underserved women living outside urban areas), [Streams Community Hub](#) (providing children's programs encouraging creativity, community, and compassion for children), [Dufferin Moves](#) (

looking to reduce poverty in our county), and of course the wonderful on going work with the [The Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada](#).

Our Trinity United Church sanctuary is also shared with the Seventh Day Adventists who celebrate their Sabbath on Saturday. On Sunday morning at 9 am we welcome our Catholic friends from the St. John the Evangelist Parish. Reflecting the United Church of Canada polity, we embrace other faith traditions and welcome interfaith dialogue.

Rev. Candice Bist is available to you for any help we might provide to you personally. She is also interested in conversations about possible partnerships with those interested in matters spiritual, ecological, educational, or concerning matters of social justice. Do not hesitate to contact her.

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

Trinity United Church

Primrose United Church

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