

# Summer Stories of Memory and Hope Church of the Holy Trinity



## August 2020 Bulletin

Worship Coordinators: Susie Henderson and Jennifer Henry

[Join us on Zoom at 10:30](#)

### About Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity is a vibrant, justice-seeking, queer-positive community in the heart of downtown Toronto. While our worship space is currently closed for Sunday services, we are reaching out to street-involved people through a daily food program, offering comfort and support. We partner with Toronto Urban Native Ministry and San Esteban Spanish congregation.

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# Overview

Date	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
					
Story	<b>Naamah, Noah's Wife by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso</b> <i>Read by Rachael Zacharias Bezanson</i>	<b>Peace Crane by Sheila Hamanaka</b> <i>Read by Suzanne Rumsey</i>	<b>Where Do People Go When They Die? by Mindy Avra Portnoy</b> <i>Read by Cassie Henry</i>	<b>But God Remembered by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso</b> <i>Read by Katharine Assad</i>	<b>47,000 Beads by Koja and Angel Adeyoha</b> <i>Read by Sinclair Bletcher-Lowman</i>
Sing	Lead: Moon Joyce	Lead: Moon Joyce	Lead: Alan Gasser	Lead: shared	Lead: Sandra Campbell
Read	Genesis 9: 8-17	John 14: 25-27	Romans 8: 38-39	Numbers 27	Proverbs 8:22-31
Reflect	Beth Lorimer	Dianne Mesh	Discussion -- what happens after you die?	Jennifer Henry	Sandra Campbell "What working with my hands means to me"
Pray	Dianne Mesh	Dianne Mesh	Dianne Mesh	Susie Henderson	Susie Henderson
<i>Optional Suggestions</i>					
Create	<a href="#">Morning Altars</a>	<a href="#">Paper Cranes</a>	Document a family story of an encounter with 'the other side' --or one you wish you had.	Make a homemade map of an ancestral place of yours.	<a href="#">Christi Belcourt Colouring Page</a>
Act	<a href="#">For the Love of Creation</a>	<a href="#">Act against annexation of Palestine - KAIROS</a>	<a href="#">DIY Death plan</a>	<a href="#">Mother Earth and Resource Extraction (MERE Hub) - KAIROS</a>	<a href="#">MMIW Commemoration projects</a>

# About August Services

The August services are simplified liturgies, built around a set of children's stories that resonate with themes of creation, peace, remembrance, gender justice and creativity. The outline above includes optional thematic suggestions to create something at home on your own time and an opportunity to engage further if you choose.

## One Bulletin for the Entire Month

The lyrics for music are provided in this monthly bulletin. Everything else you need for the service will be projected on the screen. The services do not follow the lectionary. If you would like to use the lectionary readings for your own reflection they are available here on the [Vanderbilt library](#).

## Zoom Meeting Room

On Sunday morning, the meeting room will open at 10:00 AM for visiting and the service will begin at 10:30. Services are being recorded and will be edited and available later on our website and Facebook page. The recording will focus on the homilist and musicians. Please feel free to turn off your camera and/or microphone at any time during the service

## Lyrics for August 2, 2020

### The Story of Naamah: Growing God's Garden

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#### Territorial Acknowledgement

*By Doreen Day and her grandson Mashkoonce*

Ne-be Gee Zah- gay- e- goo  
Gee Me-gwetch -wayn ne- me – goo  
Gee Zah Wayn ne- me- goo  
(Water, we love you. We thank you. We respect you.)

#### Musical Meditation: And When I Rise

And when I rise -- *and when I rise*  
Let me rise up -- *let me rise up*  
Like the birds -- *like the birds*  
Gracefully -- *gracefully*  
And when I fall -- *and when I fall*  
Let me fall down -- *let me fall down*  
Like the leaves -- *like the leaves*  
With no regrets -- *with no regrets*  
Joyfully -- *joyfully*

*Moon Joyce*

## **Gathering Song: We Are The Voice of the Earth**

*by Jerry Brody (SOCAN) Kim and Jerry Productions.  
On the album Can You Hear My Voice*

We are the voice of the earth  
Hear the wind saying  
We turn to the sun  
And circle it changing

Chorus:  
We are the voice of the earth  
Rising up, Rising up  
We are the voice of the earth  
Rising up, Rising up.

We are the voice of our times  
Earth and moon dancing  
There is healing that comes  
In the circle we're singing

Chorus...  
We hear a voice in ourselves  
Friends we are calling  
We struggle finding our way  
The circle is changing.

Chorus

## **Anthem: I Heard an Owl**

*By Carrie Newcomer on The Gathering of Spirits Album  
<https://youtu.be/L8WC2Y3CS8Y>*

## **Sending Hymn: Seed in the Ground**

*By Connie Kaldor  
On Heather Bishop's Album Bellybutton*

If you've got the sun and if you've got the rain  
You plant a little seed in the old back lane  
You wish and you pray and you keep the weeds down  
And you might find, Oh, you might find  
A root growing out from the seed in the ground.

Chorus: If you've got the sun...

2. A shoot growing out from the root, from the seed in the ground.
3. A stem growing out from the shoot, from the root, from the seed in the ground.
4. A blossom growing out from the stem, from the shoot, from the root, from the seed in the ground.
5. A seed growing out from the blossom, from the stem, from the shoot, from the root, from the seed in the ground

# Lyrics for August 9, 2020

## The Story of the Peace Crane: Enabling Hope

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### Territorial Acknowledgement

*By Doreen Day and her grandson Mashkoonce*

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Gee Me-gwetch -wayn ne- me – goo  
Gee Zah Wayn ne- me- goo

(Water, we love you. We thank you. We respect you.)

## **Musical Meditation: One Tin Soldier**

*By Brian Potter and Dennis Lambert*

Listen children to a story  
That was written long ago  
'Bout a kingdom on a mountain  
And the valley folk below  
On the mountain was a treasure  
Buried deep beneath a stone  
And the valley people swore  
They'd have it for their very own

**Chorus:** Go ahead and hate your neighbor, Go ahead and cheat a friend  
Do it in the name of heaven, you can justify it in the end  
There won't be any trumpets blowin', come the judgement day  
On the bloody mornin' after, one tin soldier rides away

So the people of the valley  
Sent a message up the hill  
asking for the buried treasure  
Tons of gold for which they'd kill  
Came an answer from the kingdom  
With our brothers we will share  
All the secrets of our mountain  
All the riches buried there

### **Chorus**

Now the valley cried with anger  
"Mount your horses, draw your sword"  
And they killed the mountain people  
So they won their just reward  
Now they stood beside the treasure  
On the mountain darkened red  
Turned the stone and looked beneath it  
"Peace on Earth" was all it said.

## **Gathering Song: Deep Blue Sea**

*By John Bell*

Deep Blue Sea, Baby, Deep Blue Sea  
Deep Blue Sea, Baby, Deep Blue Sea  
Deep Blue Sea, Baby, Deep Blue Sea  
Now there's peace in all the land and o'er the Deep Blue Sea

Sleep my child, you are safe and warm (3x), For now there's peace....

Just yesterday, war clouds hung so low (3x), But now there's peace...

Love of life finally turned the tide (3x), And now there's peace.....

### **Anthem: One Voice**

*By Ruth Moody (The Wailin' Jennys, [www.thewailinjennys.com](http://www.thewailinjennys.com)). Sung By East End United Music Team <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3py6ta4tEI>*

### **Sending Hymn: Vine and Fig Tree / Lo Yisa Goy**

*Words from Isaiah 2:4 and Micah 4:3 and traditional music  
- English lyrics/translation Leah Jaffa and Fran Minkoff*

And everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree  
Will live in peace and unafraid (X 2)

And into ploughshares beat their swords  
Nations shall learn war no more (X 2)

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev  
Lo yilmedu od milchema (X2)

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev  
Lo yilmedu od milchema (X2)

## **Lyrics for August 16, 2020**

### **The Story of Where Do People Go When They Die? Nurturing Memory**

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#### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

*By Doreen Day and her grandson Mashkoonce*

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Gee Me-gwetch -wayn ne- me – goo

Gee Zah Wayn ne- me- goo

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## **Musical Meditation: Will the Circle be Unbroken**

*Poetry by Ada R. Habershon, Music by Charles Gabriel (alt.  
A.P. Carter)*

There are loved ones in the glory, Whose dear forms you often miss.  
When you close your earthly story, Will you join them in their bliss?

CHORUS:

Will the circle be unbroken, By and by, Lord, by and by?  
In a better home awaiting, In the sky, Lord, in the sky?

You remember songs of heaven, Which you sang with childish voice.  
Do you love the hymns they taught you, Or are songs of earth your choice?

You can picture happy gath'nings, Round the fireside long ago,  
And you think of tearful partings, When they left you here below.

One by one their seats were emptied. One by one they went away.  
Now the family is parted. Will it be complete one day?

## **Gathering Song: I'll Fly Away**

*By Albert E. Brumley*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown...

Just a few more weary days and then...  
To a land where joy shall never end...



## **Anthem: Rise Again**

*By Leon Dubinsky Sung by Toronto-based Choir of Women Physicians*  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=654821622007448>

## **Sending Hymn: Homeward Now**

*The words began as the lyrics of a ritual Mountain Song of the Navajo People, this version was written by Ron Short*

Homeward now shall I journey, Homeward upon the rainbow (x2)  
To life unending and beyond it, yeah, homeward now shall I journey  
To joy unchanging and beyond it, yeah, homeward now shall I journey

# **Lyrics for August 23, 2020**

## **The Story of The Daughters of Z: Defending Land and Life**

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### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

*By Doreen Day and her grandson Mashkoonce*

Ne-be Gee Zah- gay- e- goo  
Gee Me-gwetch -wayn ne- me – goo  
Gee Zah Wayn ne- me- goo

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### **Musical Meditation: Instrumental**

### **Gathering Song: She Flies On**

*Words and music by Gordon Light*

Refrain:  
She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun,  
she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,

her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light,  
she flies on.

1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved up on the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.

2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on.

(Refrain)

3. To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark,  
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

4. Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace.

(Refrain)

5. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

(Refrain)

### **Anthem: For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)**

*By Shirley Erena Murray. Sung by Friends of Windermere United Church*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJJ9eii3DEY>

### **Sending Hymn: God's Counting on You**

*Words and music Pete Seeger  
I'm Counting on You (Coronavirus Edition) new lyrics by Debbie Karl\**

When we look and we can see things are not what they should be  
God's counting on me, God's counting on you.

Hopin' we'll all pull through, Hopin' we'll all pull through,  
Hopin' we'll all pull through  
Me and you.

Don't give up don't give in, working together we all can win. God's counting on  
me, God's counting on you. Hoping...

When there's big problems to be solved, let's get everyone involved. God's  
counting on me, God's counting on you. Hoping...

\*We must work to stop the spread, don't be foolish, use your head, You're  
counting on me, I'm counting on you Hoping...

\*Thanks to everyone who helps, treats our illness, stocks our shelves. You're  
counting on me, I'm counting on you Hoping...

\*We all need to stay at home, but that doesn't mean alone. You're counting on  
me, I'm counting on you Hoping...

What we do now, you and me, will affect Eternity. God's counting on me, God's  
counting on you. Hoping...

## **Lyrics for August 30, 2020**

### **The Story of 47,000 Beads: Celebrating Creativity**

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#### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

*By Doreen Day and her grandson Mashkoonce*

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Gee Me-gwetch -wayn ne- me – goo  
Gee Zah Wayn ne- me- goo

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## **Musical Meditation: Drum Song**

*Sandra Campbell*

## **Gathering Song: Humble Yourself**

*Jennifer Henry*

Humble yourself in the arms of the mother  
You got to lay down low  
Humble yourself in the arms of the mother  
You got to ask her what she knows  
And we, will lift each other up  
Higher and Higher  
We will lift each other up  
Higher and higher

## **Anthem: Can I Get an Amen**

*By RuPaul Sung by East End United Music Team*  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWxl\\_JPzgUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWxl_JPzgUE)

## **Sending Hymn: We are a Rainbow**

*Words and Music by David Kai*  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T\\_7cab-80\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_7cab-80_s)

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace**  
**For the flood of tears will finally cease to be**  
**Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky**  
**Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free**

We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads  
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace  
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place

We are a rainbow...

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day  
We are peace in a world that's torn apart  
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face  
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

We are a rainbow...

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone  
For our God will be with us on the way  
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more  
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

We are a rainbow...