

Announcements

Upcoming Services: July 12 – Chad Bolton
July 19 – Chad Bolton
July 26 – Rev. Arthur Davies
August 2 – Rev. Andrew Richardson
August 9 – Rev. Andrew Richardson

In case of pastoral emergencies while Rev. Brad is away, please contact Rev. Arthur Davies at (902) 439-3077.

The Sunday School program will be taking a break over the summer months and will resume again in September. There are pew packs located on the table in the lobby for our younger guests during the summer.

Trinity United Church in Summerside is holding an Organ Recital with organist Alexander Straus-Fausto, director of music at Trinity Cathedral in Miami on Tuesday, July 7 at 7pm. Admission is by donation. All are welcome!

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



Mission Moment

At 16, Ahmad Reza carries heavy responsibilities. Living in Bamyan, Afghanistan, he was orphaned by the loss of both parents, becoming the main support for his family. He cares for his two younger brothers and lives with his sister's family, who also face extreme poverty. The winter months are particularly difficult as food becomes scarce. Overwhelmed by grief and financial pressure, Reza was forced to leave school. He now works as an apprentice at a garage to gain skills for his family's future. Relief came when Reza's family received three months of cash assistance through a winter cash-for-food program supported by PWS&D. "For the first time in months, the constant worry about our next meal has eased," he said. Reza hopes his training will soon allow him to support his family fully.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to redeem God's people.

God remembers every promise and remains faithful through every generation.

The Holy One has shown mercy to those who hope in God's name.

We gather with thankful hearts, trusting in God's steadfast love.

Come, let us worship the God who keeps covenant and
never forgets God's people.

Let us praise the Lord with joy and gladness!

(Inspired by Luke 1:68-72)

Hymn **#420 Praise, I will praise**

Opening Prayers

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

& Hymn **#647 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Esther 7:1-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: "How Great Thou Art"

Sermon: "Esther (II): From Sadness to Joy"

Hymn **#74 In the bulb there is a flower**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & the Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn **#685 How firm a foundation**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Go Now in Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go 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, and in love.**

Postlude

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for camp staff and campers as they prepare for another season of fun and faith formation.

We pray for those faithfully serving in rural and remote ministry settings and ask God to bless their tireless work amid isolation, great distances, and unique challenges.

We give thanks, loving God, for the Every Youth Empowered Project in Malawi, which is improving awareness of sexual and reproductive health and rights among adolescents and young people. May your love be poured out as project participants learn about and advocate for their rights, with PWS&D supporting them.



Scripture Reading: Esther 7:1–10; 9:1–2, 20–22, 29–32 (NIV)

So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet,² and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

³Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. ⁴For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king."

⁵King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

⁶Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!"

Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. ⁷The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

⁸Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining.

The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?"

As soon as the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

The king said, "Impale him on it!" ¹⁰So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided. ...

²⁰Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, ²¹to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar ²²as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor. ...

²⁹So Queen Esther, daughter of Abihail, along with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter concerning Purim. ³⁰And Mordecai sent letters to all the Jews in the 127 provinces of Xerxes' kingdom—words of goodwill and assurance—³¹to establish these days of Purim at their designated times, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had decreed for them, and as they had established for themselves and their descendants in regard to their times of fasting and lamentation. ³²Esther's decree confirmed these regulations about Purim, and it was written down in the records.