



## *Digging Deep, Reaching High*

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."  
John 10: 10b

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026

Dear Members of our Holy Trinity Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Risen Lord.

Every year in the weeks surrounding Pentecost, our congregation intentionally dedicates one month to thinking and praying about the many facets of Christian stewardship. We call this month, "Digging Deep, Reaching High." The tree of life has become our symbol, with roots digging deep in search of living water and leaves teeming with new life as they reach high towards the heavens.

Good stewardship is the lifeblood of a healthy and missional Christian community. The vows that each of us make in baptism call us to be continually discerning how we are making good use of the time, talents and resources God has blessed us with to help God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Because every one of us is unique, being a good steward looks a little bit different for each of us. This is the great beauty of stewardship: together the whole of the Body of Christ is something far greater than the sum of its parts. In this continual dance of freely giving and receiving, we discover that the Triune God, for whom our beloved congregation is named, is always dancing with us and lovingly leading us all, wherever we may be.

"Digging Deep, Reaching High" is now in its fifth year, and thanks to your generous gifts of time, talents and sacrificial donations we have accomplished so much together as a congregation during this relatively short time. Thanks to gracious legacy gifts and generous estate planning, new steps have been installed at the church's main entrance and a new stove installed in our church's kitchen. Thanks to significant gifts of time and talent on the part of our grant writers and steady project management by our Property Committee and Cemetery Board, a new accessibility ramp has been installed leading to our elevator, a new columbarium installed in our cemetery, new tables and chairs purchased for our church hall, and new fridges and freezers purchased to support our many ministries of hospitality. Thanks to continual gifts of love and service by our ACW and so many other volunteers, we have succeeded in regularly opening our doors to the wider community, welcoming our neighbours for bazaars, rummage sales, teas, art and quilt shows and so many delicious luncheons. And, thanks to your steadfast financial support, God has helped us accomplish all of this while consistently meeting our annual operating budget. We have so much for which to be grateful!

In the coming year, our ever-faithful God has placed more good work ahead of us. We hope to welcome more altar servers to support our beautiful liturgies and to train and equip more Sunday School teachers to support our children's ministry. Our choir continues to be a source of much joy and always welcomes new members. And our Property Committee and grant writers are continuing their faithful work, turning their attention in the coming years to the needs of our church hall, including its washrooms. None of this, of course, would be possible without your gifts of faithful stewardship — because all of what we experience at Holy Trinity is a direct result of the gifts of time, talent and resources that each of us offers in faithful service to God in Christ.

As we dig deep and reach high throughout the coming month, I invite you to take some time to pray about how you are being called to be a good steward in the great dance that is Holy Trinity. In this season of resurrection and new life, perhaps you are being called to try something new — maybe to become a reader, or an intercessor, or a greeter at Sunday services. Perhaps you are being asked to lay something down which you have done faithfully for many years, so that you might revive your spirit and, in time, pick up something else. Perhaps you are being called to take the risk of sharing in a conversation with a fellow believer and seeing where God is leading. Wherever you find yourself in your own stewardship discernment, may you know that the God of abundant life is with you, and that God's glory will be revealed as we give and receive.

And, as your financial circumstances allow, please prayerfully consider contributing to our congregation's annual Pentecost Appeal. This mid-year appeal has become a critical part of Holy Trinity's overall financial wellbeing, helping to raise much needed funding to support our many ministries as we approach the quieter summer months. A special Pentecost Appeal "Tithe and Offering" envelope is enclosed with this letter, which can be returned on the offering plate or mailed to our church office (**68 Renfrew Street, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 5R6**). Every contribution is deeply appreciated and will faithfully be used to support the shared ministry we are called to as a congregation.

Thank you, dear friends, for your continuing and faithful support of the work God is accomplishing among us. May God bless you this Eastertide as we journey with Jesus.

Yours in Christ's abundant love,



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