

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Palm Sunday

Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to everyone. Please be advised that the service is being recorded for viewing on COGECO (channel 10), Thursday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*Stand as you are able

Bold print=Congregation

Order of Worship

Prelude

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Life of the Congregation

Acknowledging Territory

Introit: MV 7 “Gather Us In” X2

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy:

O: We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, and as disciples of our Lord we remember the events of long ago, when the twelve disciples entered Jerusalem with Jesus, but then deserted him a few days later.

B: We remember that in our own lives, when things go well we often know God is with us, but when we are afraid, when we are at risk, we may abandon our faith.

O: We light this candle as a symbol of our trust in Jesus Christ that God will always remain faithful, even when we lack faith.

Prayer:

A: **Holy One, you have journeyed with us through the valley of the**

shadow, and will see us through to the other side. Help us to remain faithful to you, even in times of deepest doubt. Amen.

Call to Worship:

O: Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

A: Shout aloud, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

O: Look! Your king comes to you;

A: Triumphant and victorious is he –

O: Humble and riding on a donkey

A: On a colt, the foal of a donkey!

Prayer of Gathering:

O: Loving God, on this Palm Sunday we remember the crowds who shouted “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

A: We remember those who declared with joy, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

O: And yet we know that the road to Jerusalem is the way to the cross, to Golgotha and death.

A: Be with us now, as we journey with the Christ through this time knowing that it is you who defends both Christ and us. Amen.

(Gathering, L/E 2017, Wanda Winfield)

***Hymn No. 124:** “He Came Riding on a Donkey”

We Listen to What the Spirit is Saying

“Something was about to happen...”

The Rainbow Parade, based on Luke 19: 36-38; John 12: 12

“Jesus has come!” the crowd shouted.

Hosanna,” the people said, “Hosanna”

***Hymn: 123VU** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Celebration of Holy Communion

Scripture: Psalm 118 VU 837, without refrain
Matthew 21: 1-11 (page 802 in Pew Bibles)

Meditation: “Who is The Leader of Your Parade?”

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church

Minute for Mission

Offertory

***Offering Hymn 538:** “For the Gift of Creation”

***Offering Prayer:** *(hands extended, palms facing upwards)*

O: Receive our gifts as you have received our hosannas and praise.

A: **Bless both what is given and those who give it.**

O: Bless most deeply all those whose lives will be touched by what we offer here. Amen. (K. Crawford, Gathering)



Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People

We Depart with Joy to Serve

***Hymn No. 127:** “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

Commissioning:

O: Great Spirit, Lover of Life, Creator of beauty and wonder, we have offered our praise and our hopes. We have waved our palms.

A: **We know what lies ahead: we know that we will forget to love our enemies; we know that we will overlook your commandments.**

O: We will lose heart with ourselves and others as the way gets harder.

A: **Great Love of Life, Holy Teacher, help us to open ourselves to your**

presence so we can remember you when the day of rejoicing is done.

O: Will the challenges of sharing in the way of the cross lead us even closer to the heart of God? (adapted, Wendy McLean, Gathering)

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning
are in loving memory of Margaret Ann Kilpatrick.*

THANK YOU

We extend a warm welcome to **Valerie London** as our music director today. Thank you for sharing your light and gifts with us!

Join us for hospitality, served in the Church Hall after worship.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Apr 13 Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m. potluck and worship service, Church Hall.

Apr 14 Good Friday, 10:30 a.m. joint worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Apr 16 Son-Rise Worship: 7:00 a.m. on church lawn followed by breakfast 10:30 a.m. Hallelujah Worship!

Apr 23 The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on Apr 23rd.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Apr 10** **Weight Watchers**, 6:15 p.m. in the Gym.
C.R.O.W. playgroup, 9:00 a.m. in the Gym.
- Apr 11** **New Horizons**, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour.
- Apr 12** **C.R.O.W.** playgroup, 9:00 a.m. in the Gym.
Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.
U.C.W. General, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour.
- Apr 13** **Mens Breakfast Club**, 8:00 a.m. at The Roosteraunt.

★ **Star gift words for 2017 are now ready for everyone! What was your experience with your star word for 2016? What is God saying to you through this word gift?**

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

In order to enhance engagement and participation in worship Trinity United offers:

- Welcome to Newcomers: please sign our guest book (at the entrance to the worship space) so that we have a record of your presence among us.
- Pew cards with special requests that may be put on offering collection plate.
- Hearing loop aids are available at the audio-visual desk in the worship space or as directed by the ushers.
- A scent-free building.
- An unattended child-friendly nursery space and a quiet room overlooking worship space, both equipped with audio to worship; ushers can offer direction.
- Accessible washroom adjacent to worship space.
- Colour-coded emergency plan for safe evacuation.

“That We May Know Each Other” United Church - Muslim Relations Today, begins at 4:30 p.m. on March 19 in the Church Hall. Last meeting: today, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

"Our Model for Membership - time for a change?" is a study document from General Council Theology and Inter-church Inter-faith Committee, seeking

responses by June 2017. Please pick up a copy at the Botham Table. Rev Arlyce will announce a discussion date for after Easter.

TRINITY AND COMMUNITY NOTES

Meat Pies by Trinity Cooks, available after service this morning in the kitchen, \$3.00 each.

Stewardship Team,

- groups using the facilities are asked to book the space that they want to use, arrange their own setups and return furniture to the original position.
- PARKING and drop off zone in front of the church entrance is being expanded so that people who need to be close to the entrance can find space. Please keep this consideration in mind.
- It's time to think Spring! The Stewardship Team announces the *Annual Geranium Sale*. Order forms will be available next week for delivery in late May. Watch for details.

“Stewardship Second”, Stewardship is a spiritual practice. How do stewards of the gospel prepare the way for Jesus?

The Friendship Unit wishes to thank everyone who donated items and or helped in any way to make our “New To You Sale” a great success. Proceeds were over \$800.00. Thanks everyone!

FOUR RIVERS PRESBYTERY

Prayer Concerns, please include in your prayers: Bobcaygeon Pastoral Charge (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); those serving in financial services and stewardship (U. C. Pray For Our Church).

COMMUNITY NOTES

Canadian Cancer Society, Smiths Falls Community Luminary Event, April 26 7:30 - 9:00, Kinsmen Park. Information: relayforlife.ca/luminary.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County, needs volunteers to help at our Jewel's Gently Used Clothing location (sort clothes, set up displays, work in retail. Call 283-9723 or stop by.

Family Physio Therapy Centres (CPHC), free weekly exercise classes for seniors, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 - 12:30 at Hanley Hall (accessible).

St. Philip Neri Church, Toledo, Fish Fry, April 23, 4:00 - 6:30 at the Royal Canadian Legion Toledo. Adults \$13, children 12 and under \$7., haddock fish, pork for non fish lovers. Take out available.