

# TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

**Sunday, September 24, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.**

Pentecost 16 - A 24

National Peace Officers' Memorial / Restorative Justice

*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

### We Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

### Life of the Congregation

### Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

The Algonquin people agreed to share the land on which we reside but did not surrender their title and rights to it. We acknowledge, therefore, that we continue to occupy unceded Algonquin territory.

**Introit:** "Shadow and Substance" 44MV

### Lighting the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship:

O: We come to praise God,  
whose steadfast love is always with us.

**A: God does not stand by idly,  
but fills us with grace to share.**

O: We are here to praise Jesus,  
who chooses to be gracious with all.

**A: Jesus does not stand by idly,  
but brings justice to all.**

O: We will praise the Spirit in these moments,  
who is always at our side.

**A: The Spirit is with us now and always,  
so we may live as faithful people.**

**\*Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 288VU

### Prayer of Gathering

### Learning with Children

### Call to Reconciliation:

God is not punitive. God creates, recreates and restores. Let us lift our prayers to the One who always surprises us with generosity, as we pray together:

### Confession:

**A: We grumble too much.  
We measure the blessings of those around us. We become convinced  
we deserve more.**

**Though we know others have similar struggles; we have trouble  
standing by their side.**

**Forgive us.**

**May we seek to live in the way of justice, hope, peace and generosity  
shown to us through Jesus.**

*Silence is kept*

### Assurance of Pardon:

God chooses mercy; not punishment. God blesses beyond what we earn, ...

more grace than we can begin to imagine.

### **We Listen to What the Spirit is Saying to Us**

**Responsive Psalm 145** 1-8 866VU

**Anthem:** “You Are The Salt Of The Earth, O People”

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Key Scriptures:**

Jonah 3:10-4:3;

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Matthew 20:14b-15

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

**Reflection:** “The Justice of God’s Generosity”

**\*Hymn:** “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families” 556VU

### **We Respond to God’s Word**

**Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

#### **Minute for Mission**

#### **Invitation to the Offering:**

**Offertory:** “Fantasy on ‘Old Hundredth’” (Wilson)

**\*Offering Hymn:** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” 541VU

#### **\*Offering Prayer:**

May we offer our gifts with thanks that you will use them to bring healing, hope, grace, and peace to all whose lives are empty of such needs. In

Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

Let us pray now, with the words Jesus taught us, saying...

### **We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**\*Hymn:** “Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah” 651VU

#### **\*Commissioning / Benediction:**

O: Now go to be with those forgotten by the world.

**A: We will share God's constant love with everyone.**

O: Now go to be generous with those around you as well as those far away.

**A: We will share Jesus' justice and hope with all who need it.**

O: Now go to live as faithful people.

**A: We will join the Spirit in standing side by side with those who are lonely and afraid.**

#### **\*Choral Amen:**

**Organ Postlude:** “Go Make A Difference” 209MV

**Join us for hospitality in the Church Hall after worship**

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sept** **Homemade Apple Pies by Trinity Cooks**, order forms available at the literature display or you may call Marguerite, Elizabeth or Linda.

Don't miss out, place your order today!

**Sept 25 Weight Watchers**, 6:15 p.m. in the Gym.

**Book Club**, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**Sept 26 Church Council**, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**Sept 27 Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room. All are welcome.

**C.R.O.W. Playgroup**, 8:00 a.m. - noon.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Oct 1 Key Scripture:**

Exodus 17:1-3

**Theme:** World Communion Sunday

We share a common thirst

We share a common hunger

We share a common faith

**Oct 8 Key Scriptures:**

Deuteronomy 8: 17,18; Luke 17: 17,18

**Theme:**

We are thankful both for the abundance of this land and for the people in our community who allow us to live in safety and security; the men and women of the Smiths Falls Fire Department.

## 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.

## TRINITY NOTES

**Meat Pies by Trinity Cooks**, available after service this morning in the kitchen, \$3.00 each. Fundraiser in support of the life and work of Trinity.

**Food Bank**, please remember donations on the last Sunday of the month.

## Spiritual Leadership Team,

- On November 26, following the service, we will gather for a pot luck lunch followed by a time of Christmas card writing. Names and addresses are required for people you would like to see receive a Christmas card from their church family this year, e.g. students who are away at school, seniors who have had to move etc. Please email [secretary@trintiyunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trintiyunitedsf.ca) or provide a clearly printed note with name and address to the office, with *Christmas card list* noted.
- Would you like to purchase a copy of the hymn book *More Voices*, for Trinity, "In memory of" or "In Honour of" someone? We are taking orders now until Sunday October 8. The cost is 17.80 per book. More information is in the foyer and orders will be taken following the service in the hall.
- Calling all youth from grades 6 up: Bay of Quinte Conference Fall Youth Event: Friday, Nov. 3 till Sunday Nov. 5 at Grace U.C., Napanee. Bring a friend and register for this Youth event. Cost \$90., theme: Living Faith, Living Well. THERE WILL BE A BUS. There is also help with the registration costs. Contact the Conference office regarding registration 1-888-759-2444 or [officeadmin@bayofquinteconference.ca](mailto:officeadmin@bayofquinteconference.ca).

## 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.

#### **FOUR RIVERS PRESBYTERY**

**Prayer Concerns**, please include in your prayers: Harmony United Church (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); Synode Montreal and Ottawa Conference (U. C. Pray For Our Church).

**Getting to the Heart of the Matter** - becoming an Affirming Ministry, Saturday Oct. 14, 9:00 - 4:00 p.m., St. Paul's United Church Perth, \$20. Incl lunch & material, registration: [register.affirmingworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:register.affirmingworkshop@gmail.com).

#### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

“We’ll Meet Again”, musical tribute to our veterans, to support Kemptville District Home Support, Urbandale Arts Centre, Nov. 10 and Nov 12. Enjoy music and skits from the two World Wars.