

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, 18 February, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to All

A Note for our Congregation -

- † The service is recorded on YourTV (COGECO channel 10), Thursday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- † Newcomers please sign our guest book.
- † Pew cards with special requests that may be placed with your offering.
- † Hearing loop aids are available at the audio-visual desk. An Usher will be happy to assist.
- † Ours is a scent-free building.
- † We have a child-friendly nursery space overlooking the sanctuary equipped with audio; ask an usher.
- † Accessible washroom adjacent to worship space.
- † Colour-coded emergency plan for safe evacuation.

Fellowship on the Move - Trinity Walker's Club

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - Start at Trinity. End at a Café

Join us for hospitality in the Fellowship Hall

We respect gluten sensitivities and Vegetarians

Please alert us to any accommodation or accessibility requirements

Trinity on Tuesday

- 1st - Relaxed Service
- 2nd - Coffee House
- 3rd - Messy Church
- 4th - Jesus Jam
- 5th - Tag Team

Order of Worship

*Stand as you are able

Bold print = Congregation

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Introit “Gather Us In” (MV7)

Lenten Liturgy - Silent Voices, Lost Light

Lent is a season of reflection. Let us pause as we journey with Jesus through the wilderness and beyond.

As followers of Jesus, we have all experienced times of testing and temptation – times we have felt that we were travelling in the wilderness.

As people who desire justice and righteousness and to see these lived out in our world, we confess that in the face of difficult issues, questions and decisions we are sometimes overwhelmed and drawn to easy answers and actions that do not demand much.

We are reminded this week of those from the Indigenous community who continue to feel marginalized. Indigenous people make up just four per cent of the national population and yet, account for 22.8 per cent of the total incarcerated population; 10 times higher than the non-Indigenous population. These we remember as Spirits in Prison.

As we extinguish the first Lenten candle we recall the ways in which we struggle to embody our faith in the actions of our lives.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

As we watch the smoke rise, we remember that God's spirit is with us in mysterious and tangible ways. We are reminded that God comforts, encourages and supports us as we face the challenges of following the Way of Jesus.

Lenten Prayer

**When we are lost or feel alone,
you are with us.**

**When we lose hope and
our faith falters in times of adversity and challenge,
you are there
ready to guide and inspire us.**

**As we follow Jesus' footsteps on our Lenten journey
may we be open to your comforting
and yet challenging presence among us.**

**May we walk together
with unity of heart
and purpose
as people of
faith, hope and courage
with our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

We lift up our lives to the Spirit.

**We trust unashamedly in you;
praying that you not be ashamed of us;**

May we begin our Lenten journey in right relationships;

Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths.

Grow us to know your ways more clearly.

You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.

For you we wait.

May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us.

Amen.

***Hymn VU115 "Jesus Tempted in the Desert"**

Prayer of Gathering

Learning with Children

We Listen to What the Spirit is Saying to Us

Call to Confession

Prayer

Creating and Renewing God.

In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity
to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy.

Help us get our minds off
distractions, obsessions and self-pity
so that we don't feel helpless.

Help us to start over.

Re-orient head and heart
so that we may fill our whole selves
with life-affirming activities and thoughts.

(Silence)

**May I be in right relationship with you and all your creation
and join the united Church of Christ
in overcoming violence, hunger, and injustice.**

**May I find courage and clarity to assist me
in works of justice and compassion
which make daily life bearable for many.**

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Steadfastness

Scripture

Psalm 51: 1-10 (VU776)

Anthem "I Walk The Line" (Johnny Cash)

Scripture

1 Peter 3: 18-22 (NRSV)

Mark 1: 9-15 (NRSV)

Reflection - “A Promise to The Spirits In Prison”

***Hymn** VU449 “Crashing Waters at Creation”

We Respond to God’s Word

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

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: “Just As I Am” (Bradbury)

***Offering Hymn** MV154 “Deep In Our Hearts”

***Offering Prayer**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

***Hymn** VU623 “Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design”

***Commissioning / Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Organ Postlude “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 19 Stewardship Team, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Family Day, the Church Office will be closed today.

Feb 20 Four Rivers Presbytery meets at Trinity.

Trinity on Tuesday, Messy Church. Biblical theme, crafts, story, prayer, song and games, is for, and includes people of all ages. Easy supper at 6:00 pm (gluten-free and vegetarian available), program to follow.

Ministry and Personnel, 7:00 pm in the Upper Room.

Feb 21 Lenten Study, 9:00 am in the Minister’s Study. All are welcome.

Bible Study, 10:00 am in the Minister’s Study. All are welcome.

UCW Fun and Fellowship, join us between 1:00 and 3:00 pm for an afternoon of games and good fun. Bring your favourite game and snack. All are welcome.

Feb 22 Church Council, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Feb 25 The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Trinity United Church, 10:30 am. We will conduct our Worship and Work as one. The reflection will be short and reports will be succinct.

Mar 4 Lent 3 - Ignoring Wisdom

International Women’s Day is celebrated on March 8.

Speak to Wisdom as personified as Woman and how we ignore Her to our own Peril.



TRINITY NOTES

Prayer Concerns, please include in your prayers: Independent Assemblies of God (Smiths Falls Community Churches Prayer Cycle); Tory Hill Pastoral Charge (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); All who nurture and inspire faith, spirituality and worship (U. C. Pray For Our Church).

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates your donations. Please fill our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered to the bank monthly.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

St. Johns Anglican Church, Free Community Dinner, today, doors open 3:45 pm.

All are welcome.



**TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH**
North Falls, Ontario, Canada

Lent 4 - B 11 March 2018
A Service of Blessing for Farm Families

"Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

Famine and Pestilence are partners in devastation. Farmers and Farm Families are our first line of defence. We honour and bless them this day.



**Equipped for Ministry
The Healing Pathway**

The Healing Pathway enables people to develop the gifts and skills of healing within the Christian tradition, and fosters the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities.

The foundation of the program lies in the long tradition of healing within the Christian faith. Healing is an expression of the deeper realities of faith, compassion, forgiveness and caring for one another.

Today over 100 congregations have Healing Pathway ministries. The healing ministry finds its home mostly within, but is not limited to, United Church congregations.



Healing Pathway is a recognized Ministry of the United Church of Canada. Its foundation is in the history and tradition of the Christian Church and provides a forum in which we can offer care. A Healing Pathway Phase 1 Workshop will take place at St. Paul's United Church, 25 Gore Street West, Friday, April 13, 9 – 5:30 pm, Saturday, April 14, 9 – 5:30pm