

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, 11 March, 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

Prelude “The Shepherd’s Pipe” (Martin)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Lenten Liturgy - Silent Voices, Lost Light

Today is the fourth Sunday of the season of Lent. As a community of faith, we have been travelling with Jesus through story, song and prayer on his final journey to Jerusalem.

In this way, and in our own personal experiences of faith, we have witnessed God’s profound love made known to the world in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

As Jesus reminded his disciples to feed his sheep, we are called to do the same in the most practical sense. 1 in 8 households in Canada are food insecure, amounting to over 4 million Canadians, including 1.15 million children, living in homes that struggle to put food on the table.

As we extinguish the fourth Lenten candle we acknowledge that there are those in our own community who struggle with food security and homelessness.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

As we watch the smoke rise we are reminded that God’s spirit is always with us in mysterious and visible ways in our community of faith and in the world. Even as we are called to share what we have with others.

Lenten Prayer

You breathe new life into our lives every moment of every day.

In this Lenten season, help us to be attentive to your life-giving spirit in the ordinary activities of our lives.

May we trust in your enduring and faithful presence as we seek to discern your guidance for us as people of faith. Pour out Your grace on hungry families, especially parents straining to feed their children despite dwindling resources.

We give thanks for your love made known in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen

*Hymn VU266 “Amazing Grace” (tune: House of the Rising Sun)

Prayer of Gathering

Learning with Children - What are we Blessing?

We Listen to What the Spirit is Saying to Us

Call to Confession

Prayer

Lord, you give us this good earth, we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The God of seedtime and harvest

Forgives our sins, heals and strengthens by the Spirit, and raises us to new life. **Amen.**

Scriptures

Psalm 107 (pt I & II)

Numbers 21: 4-9 (NRSV)

Anthem “Are You a Shepherd?” (MV126)

Reflection -

For Water

For Seed and Harvest

For Fields and Farms

For Equipment

For Farm Families

God our creator,

We ask you to bless the lives of our Farm Families.

We pray for all who live on the land,

for all who till the soil, for all tend livestock, for all who stand between our communities and the twins of destruction - famine and pestilence.

May your blessing rest upon our Farm Families as they live together in your peace.

Bless houses and farms and farming communities.

Give

good health, purity of spirit, strength and humility, hospitality, a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of our need to seek you in all things.

We pray in the name of Jesus our Redeemer, Healer and Hope. **Amen.**

A Farmers Creed

I believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honourable way a person can spend their days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free; the splendour of a sunrise, the rapture of wide-open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children growing tall in the sun, your whole family feeling the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honour that does not come to all.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for others, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a person grows old and sums up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they've lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

***Hymn VU520 "We Plough the Fields"**

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

Ushers will now receive our morning offering.

Offertory: "The Field Behind the Plow" (Rodgers)

***Offering Hymn VU227 "For The Fruit of All Creation" (vs 1)**

***Offering Prayer**

Prayers of the People

When we hear: "We ask in faith"

We respond with: "**Hear us, good Lord**"

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

***Hymn MV30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"**

***Commissioning / Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Organ Postlude "While by My Sheep"

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 12 Weight Watchers, 6:15 pm in the Gym.

Prayer Shawl Group, 1:00 pm in the Parlour.

Mar 13 Trinity on Tuesday, *Coffee House*. Why add a busy evening to a busy day? Art-based, comfortable, quiet. Easy supper at 6:00 pm (gluten-free and vegetarian available) program to follow.

Mar 14 Lenten Study, 9:30 am in the Minister's Study. All are welcome.
Christian Community, 1:00 pm in the Upper Room.
New Horizons, 7:00 pm in the Parlour.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Mar 18 Lent 5 - Affirm - New covenants for new ages speaks to change. The Church was an inclusive movement in the beginning. This must include LGBTP2 today.

Mar 25 Lent 6 - Palm Sunday Procession - 10:30 am

Mar 29 Maundy Thursday - Communion - a time for remembering the Jewish Seder Jesus shared with his disciples and for a special honouring and remembering of the Last Supper. Potluck.

Mar 30 Good Friday

-10:30 am Tenebrae: Service of Shadows, commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus.

-12:00 pm Good Friday Procession.

Apr 1 Easter Morning

-7:00 am Sunrise Communion

-8:00 am Breakfast

-10:30 am Easter Sunday Worship

TRINITY NOTES

New To You Sale, the Friendship Unit would appreciate your donations of gently used "baby to adult" clothing, jewellery, accessories and small household items. No furniture of any kind please! Articles may be left in the front entrance or brought to the Church Hall on Friday April 27, 2:00 - 8:00 pm. Please plan to come to the sale on April 28, 2018.

New Horizons Unit is hosting a Palm Sunday Brunch after church on Sunday March 25. We are serving Blueberry French toast, Wife saver Casserole and a gluten free quiche. The proceeds of a free will offering will help us to fund children going to camp.

Prayer Concerns, please include in your prayers: St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church (Smiths Falls Community Churches Prayer Cycle); Deep River Community Church (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); all those in congregational renewal (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.

FOUR RIVERS PRESBYTERY

March Youth Group, Portland United Church March 31 *cancelled*. Next Youth group April 21. Information: Emma emmapipes91@gmail.com. **Bay of Quinte Conference Annual Meeting 2018: Youth Forum (grades 6-8 & 9-12):** registration online. Great opportunity for youth to learn about the church, take on a leadership role, enjoy fun team building, grow in faith and make some new friends.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, St. Patrick's Day Supper, March 17, 6:00 pm. Irish stew, salad, homemade buns and dessert. Entertainment by the Clyne Brothers. Advance tickets \$15.

St. Paul's United Church, The Regimental Band for The governor General's Foot Guards, March 25, 2:00 pm. Free will offering. www.stpaulspertth.ca

COMMUNITY NOTES

Holy Week Proclamation Reading, First Baptist Church. Spend Holy Week reading or listening, Monday - Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm, Thursday 11 am - 4 pm. Readers needed every hour. Contact Linda Stead lindarstead@gmail.com.