

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

*Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to All*



Lent 5 - B 18 March 2018  
Affirm



Key Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Theme:

The notion of Philip bringing the Greeks to Jesus was in that day a form of affirming. A new covenant for a new age is a form of Affirming. The Church was an affirming movement in the beginning. This must include LGBTQ2

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**

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

## Order of Worship

\*Stand as you are able

**Bold print = Congregation**

### We Gather

#### Welcome and Announcements

The Minister and our greetings at the door will be less tactile for those who are concerned about the spread of germs in this cold and flu season.

Of course, Hugs are available on request.

#### Acknowledging Traditional Territory

**Prelude** “Joy Comes with the Dawn”

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

#### Lenten Liturgy - Silent Voices, Lost Light

Today is the fifth Sunday of the season of Lent. As we continue to travel with each other, listening to the stories of our ancestors in faith, we pause to give thanks for faith, persistence, and hope for the future.

**We know all too well the pain of loss. Loss of value, loss of respect, loss of life. We also remember that we can experience comfort and renewal through the loving presence of dear friends and family.**

We are painfully aware of the ways we dismiss or disdain others who think or act or look differently from ourselves. We get caught up in categories, presumptions, and stereotypes around and within us. We regret the ways in which sexuality and spirituality have been turned against each other.

**As we extinguish the fifth Lenten candle we lament the ways in which we sometimes lose sight of the light of Christ and harden our hearts to the needs of others.**

*(Extinguishing of Rainbow Lenten candle)*

As we watch the smoke rise we remember that God’s spirit is with us in

mysterious and visible ways and that we are forgiven, blessed and encouraged to open our hearts and our lives to God.

#### Lenten Prayer

**Your presence warms our hearts with peace and hope. Your wisdom illuminates the shadows of our fears and guides the way for us to follow. Your love made known in the life of Jesus inspires us to share our lives generously with the world you so love. Give us courage to be a force for positive change in our communities, workplaces and churches. We pray that we will be the body of Christ: united and diverse; redeemed and transformed; broken but holy. We as a community of faith value diversity and celebrate those differences as intentional acts of God's creation. In that the realm of God includes all persons, we welcome and include all persons including persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and family units in the full life of the congregation. We will send no one away! Amen**

#### Call to Worship

Let us gather to worship.

**Like the company of Greeks of long ago we wish to see Jesus!**

**We come to worship, to pray, and learn.**

We come looking for Jesus

in Scripture,

in our life experiences,

in helping our world,

in prayers for each other.

**We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.**

We lay bare our own wilderness journey filled

with gladness and hope,

with reluctance and sorrow,

with fear and confusion.

**Speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!**

Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may see Jesus in

our lives,  
our faith community, and our world. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn** VU660 “How Firm a Foundation”

### **Prayer of Gathering**

**Learning with Children** - Outside In

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

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer**

**We yearn for your presence in our lives, yet turn away. We want to serve others, but become obsessed with ourselves. We need your Word to fill our emptiness, yet we let it be silenced by the noise of the world.**

**In this silence come to us and make us whole.**

**Write grace upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people;  
write mercy on our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people;  
write hospitality upon our hearts that we might become more like Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came for all people, even us.**

### **Assurance of God's Steadfastness**

A new heart, a generous spirit, a fresh start: these are the gifts our God gives to us.

**Through Christ, we are cleansed;  
through Christ, we are healed;  
through Christ, we become new people.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Scriptures**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 119: 9-16 (*VU838 Part Two*)

John 12: 20-33

**Anthem** “Zacchaeus Through the Ages”

**Reflection** - Inviting the Outside In

**\*Hymn** VU289 “It Only Takes a Spark”

**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:** “Pié Jesu” (Lloyd-Webber)

**\*Offering Hymn** VU549 “For All Your Goodness, God”

**\*Offering Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**\*Hymn** MV 156 “Dance with the Spirit”

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

God sends us forth as people of the covenant.

**Our hearts are filled with compassion which we will share with others.**

Jesus call us to share hope with all we meet.

**Our hands will bring food for the hungry and build shelters for the homeless.**

The Spirit of hospitality is engraved upon our spirits.

**We will welcome everyone we meet with the grace which is written**

**large upon our hearts.**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude** “Trumpet Tune” (Young)

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Mar 19** **Weight Watchers**, 6:15 pm in the Gym.  
**Stewardship Team**, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.  
**Communication Team**, 7:15 pm in the Upper Room.
- Mar 20** **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.
- Mar 21** **Lenten Study**, 9:30 am in the Minister’s Study. All are welcome.  
**UCW General**, 7:00 pm in the Parlour.
- Mar 22** **Church Council**, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

### **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

- 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. 6:00 pm.
- 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**

**Ministry and Personnel**, during the week of March 19-22 volunteers will be in the office. Please note the office will be closed March 22 at 11:00 am.

**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.

**Outreach:** 1 in 8 households in Canada is food insecure, amounting to over 4 million Canadians, including 1.15 million children, living in homes that struggle to put food on the table. One way Trinity can help in Smiths Falls is to support the Mission, a volunteer group located on Beckwith Street, whose aim is to provide nourishment to the hungry. Currently no one is providing food on Saturdays so they need our help to make a meal like soup, sandwiches and dessert **the last Saturday** of the month for 20-30 people. We make the food in our own homes and take it to the Mission to serve. If you are interested in making food, or serving, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or see Lorraine after the service.

**Prayer Concerns**, please include in your prayers: St. Johns the Evangelist Anglican Church (Smiths Falls Community Churches Prayer Cycle); Wesley United Church (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); our children’s ministries and Sunday schools (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.

**Soup Label Program** has ended, therefore please do not bring soup labels to the church.

### **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.

**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. 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](http://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.

**St. Johns Anglican Church**, free Community Dinner, today, doors open 3:45 pm. All welcome.

**The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program** presents a workshop on "Healthy Boundaries in Pastoral Care", Tuesday, April 3 at St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, cost \$15. Registration not required, you may attend 1:00-3:00 pm or 7:00-9:00 pm. Contact Cynthia (Christian Community Team) for car pooling.