

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
**Sunday, 4 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**

- 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**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Introit** “Open Our Hearts” (MV 21)

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

On this third Sunday of the season of Lent, we remember through story, song and prayer that we are on a journey following in the footsteps of Jesus.

**The stories told by, and about, Jesus help us learn and grow together in our understanding of what it means to be a Christian community in our time and place.**

Like the story of Jesus and the Woman at the Well, we are called to extend our respect and hospitality to those we meet on our journey of life and faith, regardless of gender.

**As we extinguish the third Lenten candle we acknowledge that there are still many challenges before us in regards to gender equity in our country and around the world.**

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

As we watch the smoke rise we ask that you grant us humility firmly, and discernment passionately, so that we may fight, not to conquer, but to liberate. To liberate the women silenced by violence, inequality and abuse, and from unjust and discriminatory cultural or religious practices.

**Lenten Prayer**

**You have blessed us with an abundance of living water. You have blessed us with love and forgiveness. When our wells run dry with the**

**cares of this life, you fill us again with the living water that quenches the longings of our souls. You invite us to live in the healing refreshment of your presence and you welcome us to invite others to share in the blessings you provide. As a community of faith, we gather to offer our thanks and praise to you, O God. Amen**

### **Call to Worship**

We celebrate women's voices, **proclaiming wisdom.**

We honour women's lives, **forging new paths.**

We remember women's faith, **strong amid challenge.**

We anticipate women's vision, **calling us into the future.**

**Past, present, and future, our lives join with women everywhere.**

**\*Hymn VU701 "What Does the Lord Require of You"**

### **Prayer of Gathering**

### **Learning with Children**

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

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer**

When the widow came to the unjust judge to ask for help, she was turned away.

**Nevertheless, she persisted.**

When a Canaanite woman asked Jesus for help, the disciples told her to be quiet.

**Nevertheless, she persisted.**

When Malala Yousef stood up to the Taliban and continued to go to school. She was warned.

**Nevertheless, she persisted.**

When Shirian Abadi was told she could no longer practice law as a woman

in Iran. She was warned.

**Nevertheless, she persisted.**

When Wangari Maathai was told to stop planting trees in Kenya. She was warned.

**Nevertheless, she persisted.**

**Lord of all hope, give us courage to persist in our struggle for peace and justice. Let us remember your calling to build the Kingdom and give strength to those who walk new paths to create new beginnings for your people.**

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

When prayers replace piety.

When we seek wholeness through the One broken for us, then we remember we are saved by God's powerful love.

**We are healed, to bring healing to our world.**

**We are strengthened in faith to become spent for others.**

**We are set free from our bondage to sin so we may become servants of Christ.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 19 (VU 740)

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

**Anthem "Jesus On The Mountain Top"**

**Reflection - "Ignoring Wisdom"**

**\*Hymn VU381 "Spirit of Life"**

**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:** “Rose Window” (Young)

**\*Offering Hymn** VU544 “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” (tune 518)

**\*Offering Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Mother, our Father, Source of our being,**

**whose presence is heaven,**

**all Creation sings of you, “Holy!”**

**May your Realm unfold among us,**

**your desire be fulfilled,**

**this world blossoming out of your delight.**

**Give us the breath of life, one breath at a time.**

**Accept our brokenness;**

**give us acceptance of others who are broken.**

**Lead us beyond our desires**

**and save us from the grip of evil.**

**For the world is within you;**

**all power is from you,**

**and all glory is about you,**

**in eternity, which is in the present moment.**

**Amen.**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**\*Hymn** MV154 “Deep in Our Hearts”

**\*Commissioning / Benediction**

God speaks, and sends us forth.

**We will go to proclaim God's grace and glory.**

Jesus speaks, and lives are changed.

**We will go to set free the oppressed,**

**to be the voice for those never heard.**

The Spirit speaks, and the world is turned inside out.

**We will become as foolish as a trusting child,**

**as powerless as those overlooked by everyone around them.**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude** “Au” from “Trumpet Tune” (Purcell)

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Mar 5** **Weight Watchers**, 6:15 pm in the Gym.

**Spiritual Leadership Team**, 7:00 pm in the Upper Room.

**Mar 6** **Trinity on Tuesday**, *Relaxed Service*. Come as you are, come as you can, your worship, your way. Easy supper at 6:00 pm (gluten-free and vegetarian available) program to follow.

**Outreach Team**, 7:30 pm in the Upper Room.

**Mar 7** **Lenten Study**, 9:30 am in the Minister's Study. All are welcome.

**Friendship Unit**, 1:00 pm in the Church Hall.

**Mar 8** **Mens Breakfast Club**, 8:00 am at the Roosteraunt.

**Mar 9** **Rainbow Sabbath**, 6 pm in the Church Hall.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

**Mar 11** **Lent 4 - Early Communion**, 9:00 am in the Chapel.

**Mar 11** **Lent 4 - A Service of Blessing for Farm Families**


**Mar 18** **Lent 5 - Affirm**

**Mar 25** **Lent 6 - Liturgy of the Palms**

**Mar 29** **Maundy Thursday**

**Mar 30** **Good Friday**

**Apr 1** **Easter Sunday/Resurrection of The Lord**



**TRINITY**  
UNITED CHURCH  
*Smiths 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.**

### 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.

**Prayer Concerns**, please include in your prayers: Rev. Larry Paul at the loss of Evelyn; Smiths Falls Free Methodist Church (Smiths Falls Community Churches Prayer Cycle); Norwood-Westwood Pastoral Charge (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); our Aboriginal ministries (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 for Drama/Arts/Music Day, March 31. Information: Emma.

### 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 S.



### 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

## Affirming Ministries Program

The Outreach and Social Justice Team is reenergizing the exploration of Affirm that was initiated some time ago.

The Affirming Ministries Program is a network of primarily United Church ministries that declare themselves to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Before declaring themselves to be Affirming, local congregations study and reflect on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity; make a statement of welcome; and commit themselves to work for justice and inclusion within their congregation, the wider church, and their community.

The United Church officially endorsed the program in 2000 and encouraged its ministries to participate.

We would like your assistance in proceeding in an informed manner.

What do you know about Affirming Ministries?

What questions do you have about Affirming Ministries?

What fears or concerns do you have about our ministry becoming Affirming?



Affirm/United/S'affirmer Ensemble works for the full inclusion of all sexual and gender identities in the United Church of Canada, and beyond.  
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Look for both our group and our page on Facebook.

