



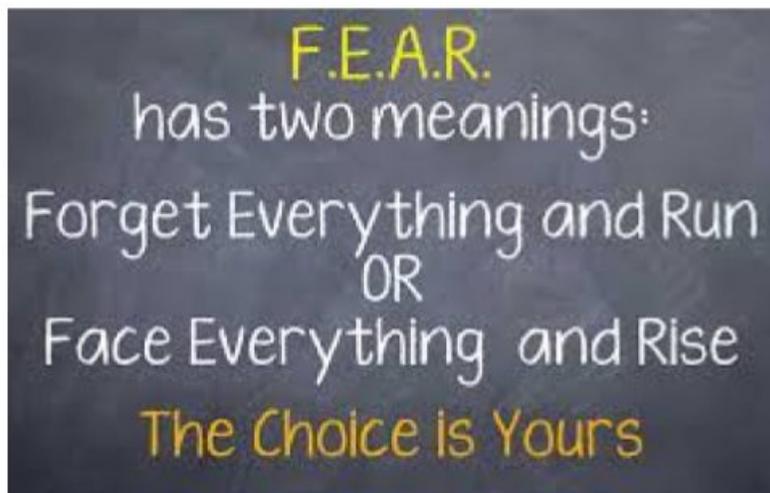
Fourth Sunday In Lent
Year A
March 22, 2020

Key Scripture: John 11:16

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Theme:

Did Jesus Know
the Fear of Failure?



Welcome All

† Newcomers please sign our guestbook

† Pew cards with special requests may be placed with your offering

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation and is inclusive of folk who find themselves a part of what is described as "LGBTQ+"

○ **We have large print bulletins**

- We are scent free
- We have a child-friendly space overlooking the sanctuary
- An interactive calendar Trinity activities is on our website. Check it any time at - www.trinityunitedsf.ca/calendar
- The Church Office is open Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Welcome and Announcements

Much has changed as a consequence of COVID-19

- The nature of our Ministry and the people we serve means that those engaged in it must be particularly vigilant.
- Church business is being conducted remotely as much as possible.
- During Sunday Worship we will be separated by space but together in Spirit.
- Trinity on Tuesday will be “Brown Bag and a Blessing”. We and other churches with whom we cooperate are adhering to strict processes and protocols. This is an important ministry, we endeavour to do it correctly.
- We communicate electronically or by phone insofar as possible.
- The phone tree has become an important Pastoral Care instrument.

It is hoped that our Phone Tree will achieve four purposes -

- Comfort
 - We will offer a brief prayer or devotion
- Communication
 - We will pass news with respect to our Church Community
- Connection
 - We will check in to make sure that people who must remain distant in body are fully part of us in Spirit
- Care
 - We will ask our folk how they are doing,
 - If they are alone
 - If somebody is regularly checking in, and
 - We will pledge to be part of their support

As of 18 March 2020 - If you had not been contacted this was the message:

○ Comfort

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:

When we aren't sure, God,

help us be calm;

when information comes from all sides, correct and not,

help us to discern;

**when fear makes it hard to breathe, and anxiety seems to
be the order of the day,**

slow us down, God;

help us to reach out with our hearts,

when we can't touch with our hands;

help us to be socially connected,

when we have to be socially distant;

help us to love as perfectly as we can,

knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

For the doctors, we pray,

for the nurses, we pray,

for the technicians and the janitors and the

aides and the caregivers, we pray,

for the researchers and theorists,

the epidemiologists and investigators,

for those who are sick,

and those who are grieving, we pray,

for all who are affected,

all around the world...

we pray

for safety,

**for health,
for wholeness.**

**May we feed the hungry,
give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick—
in spite of the epidemic,
in spite of the fear.**

**Help us, O God,
that we might help each other.**

**In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,
we pray.**

May it be so.

—A prayer during times of COVID-19 by the Right Rev. Richard Bott, originally posted on Facebook. Moderator Bott encourages the sharing of prayers he posts throughout his term.

- Communication
 - Trinity United Church News and Updates -
 - **The Christian Community Team is activating the Phone Tree as a resource for Comfort, Communication, Connection and Care**
 - **We will try to phone at least twice per week**
 - **Access to Trinity United Church is limited and should be regarded as closed except in special circumstances. If you must come to the Office, phone - 613 283 4444**
 - **We will not gather on Sundays until further notice**
 - **Worship Services will be recorded and replayed**
 - **COGECO - Your TV at regularly scheduled time**
 - **On Trinity United Church Web Page and FaceBook**
- Connection
 - **Folk who phone you will also pray for you**
 - **The Healing Pathway Team and others are actively holding your name in prayer**
- Care
 - We will ask
 - **How are you doing?**
 - **Are you alone? and**
 - **Is somebody regularly checking in?**
 - We will pledge
 - **We will be part of your support as best we can and as circumstances permit**

If you are hearing this for the first time and you want to be contacted regularly by phone contact the church and let us know - the church office number is - 613 283 4444

If you have a computer and have access to the internet, you can communicate with us through our Website “Contact Us Page” or through FaceBook Messaging.

COVID-19 Community Meal Distribution Points		
Monday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican - Upstairs Hall - 2 George St	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday	Trinity United Church - Brown Bag & Blessing - Foyer of Trinity United Church - 41 Market Street	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Wednesday	St Francis de Sales - St. Vincent de Paul Society - 4 McGill St (Hanley Hall)	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Thursday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican - Upstairs Hall - 2 George St	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican - Upstairs Hall - 2 George St	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

We are grateful for the Pickled Pig that donated a tray of signature sandwiches.



SMITHS FALLS
RISE AT THE FALLS

We are also grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls. Take Away Meals that are being offered during this State of Emergency are subsidized through the generosity of the Community Grant Program
The Outreach Team seeks donations for Brown Bags and

Blessings -

- **A loaf of sandwiches** - Tuesday afternoon
- Let the Office know.

Mar 25

Healing Pathway

1:00 - 3:00 pm / Chapel

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Lenten Introit Hymn 121 "Tree Of Life and Awesome Mystery"
vs. 1, 2 & Lent 4 verse

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are re-born,
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you,
if we learn to live your story
we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle

Give us eyes to see you clearly
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.

Call to Worship

More than those who watch for the morning,
we wait faithfully for God.

With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations,
we wait faithfully for God.

Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,
and offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.

Prayer of Gathering

God of the past, present and future,
God in whom all things are renewed, we praise you.

In the face of all that wearies us and worries us,
your words echo through the centuries with love and hope.
As we follow the footsteps of Jesus in this Lenten season,
his Cross stands before us.
And so we trust you are never far from our sorrows.

In him you walk with us; you share our tears.
You stand beside us when we don't know which way to turn.

In this hour of worship, renew our trust in your resurrection promises
and draw near to us when we need you the most,
whenever we can't even find the words to call on You.

Hymn 409 "Morning has broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Learning with Children -

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer for Forgiveness

**God of our lonely places and hard times,
there is no place too dark for your presence.
There are no situations beyond your grace.
Yet we confess we sometimes lose track of you,
when sorrows stack up or loneliness surrounds us.**

Forgive us our hopelessness.

Stay with us as we go through every valley of shadow.

**Bring life where there is death,
healing whether there is pain, and
courage where there is fear.**

Stay with us as we make our way along the path Jesus walked.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I

looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

John 11:1-45 (NRSV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his

death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus

looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Hymn MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Refrain

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Refrain

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Refrain

Reflection Did Jesus Know the Fear of Failure?

Hymn Dem Bones

Chorus:

*Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones
Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones
Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones*

Now hear the word of the Lord

The toe bone's connected to the foot bone,
The foot bone's connected to the ankle bone,
The ankle bone's connected to the leg bone,
Now hear the word of the Lord

The leg bone's connected to the knee bone,
The knee bone's connected to the thigh bone,
The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone,
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Chorus

The hip bone's connected to the back bone,
The back bone's connected to the neck bone,
The neck bone's connected to the head bone,
Now hear the word of the Lord.

The finger bone's connected to the hand bone,
The hand bone's connected to the arm bone,
The arm bone's connected to the shoulder bone,
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Chorus

**We Respond to God's Word
Offering Ourselves
For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

Invitation to Offering

We offer all that we are and all that we hope for through Jesus Christ who taught us to give generously as we have received.

Trinity Needs Your Help

During these trying times, Trinity's life and work continues in many ways. While our Sunday services and many other things in our lives are on hold until further notice, and our building is closed, our staff and members are still active and operational costs continue.

There will be no opportunity for the regular collection of offerings each week, so Trinity needs you to share your gifts in a different way. We have 4 options:

1. Please visit the www.trinityunitedsf.ca and use the "DONATE" button. It takes you to CanadaHelps.org where you can make a safe and secure, one time or monthly donation as often as you want.
2. This may also be a good time to start using Pre-authorized Payments. The form for that is attached to this post and can be printed off and mailed to the church office at 41 Market St. Smiths Falls, K7A 2E7
3. We have also set up an e-transfer account to accept your donation. Please use secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca . Password not required. Please note your envelope number.
4. Of course you can always mail a donation to the church office at 41 Market Street, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2E7

If you require assistance or have any questions about making donations, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 613-283-4444 or by email at secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca.

Thank you.

Offertory "Canon in D" (Pachelbel)

*Offering Hymn 376 "Spirit of the Living God" vs 1 & 2

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

***Offering Prayer**

We place these gifts into your hands. With your transforming grace, may they become seeds springing forth with new life. Fill our hearts with that transforming grace so that we, too, can bear new hope for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 375 "Spirit of Gentleness"

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
dove Blow thro' the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing:
Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew thro' your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Benediction

Now go forth with God's hope!

We have put flesh on our faith and will go to serve others.

Now go forth to fill others with Christ's Light!

We will go to call others to new life, wiping away their tears.

Now go forth with the steadfast love of the Spirit!

We will go to share that hope for which all people long.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Gabriel's Oboe" (Morricone)