

Key Scripture - Matthew 9:36

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Theme - Now What Do We Do?



Welcome All

† Newcomers please sign our guestbook



† Special requests may be made through Facebook



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† 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+”
- Our church building is closed but our Congregation is Open and Active in a Ministry of Prayer, Service and Care
- Church business will be conducted remotely as much as possible
- Worship will be recorded and posted to FaceBook and our WebPage

Welcome and Announcements

This week's Phone Tree Message - 10 June 2020

As this pandemic stretches on it seems as if time has slowed. We look forward to the next step only to discover that our hopes have been pushed back to a later date. Constant announcements followed by change or delay is confusing. In these kinds of days, Scripture was lived, written and understood -

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:35, 36

Jesus' response to this was to commission his Disciples for a Ministry of Healing and Sharing Good News. This is where the Christian Community Team leads us. As folk who call and care for others, you and those who share in this kind of Ministry are the agents through which this Healing and Comfort is carried out for *our* Folk in *our* Day.

Thank You for your faithfulness.

Premier Ford made an announcement last week with regard to opening places of worship to 30% capacity. This is hopeful for some, concerning for others, ... possibly confusing for all.

Trinity's Council, spoke to this on Thursday, 11 June and a decision was made thus -

Motion: That "Trinity United Church Smiths Falls immediately form a Reopening Trinity Committee, led by the Spiritual Leadership Team and comprised of:

Property, the Spiritual Leadership Team, Trustees, UCW, Stewardship, Christian Community, Music and M&P

to ensure that all requirements to safely reopen our Church, no earlier than Labour Day Weekend, are in place and approved by competent authorities as per EOORC Guidance “Safely Reopening our Churches” 11 June 2020.”

Moved- Linda Stronski

Seconded - Lorraine Ryan

Carried Unanimously

The congregation will be apprised of developments.

Stay safe and encourage the people you love to remain so.

○ Comfort

In these days of change, caution and expectation -

*We pray for
Wisdom
to inform our enthusiasm
Faith
to inform our fear
Grace
to inform our judgement
Courage
to inform our leadership
Your Presence
to walk beside us always.
AMEN.*

○ Communication

○ Trinity United Church News and Updates -

- Our Congregation is active in Prayer, Care and Service
- Worship Services are replayed
 - On COGECO - Your TV Sundays at 10:00 and 2:00
 - On the Trinity Web Page and FaceBook at our regular Service Time, 10:30 Sunday Morning
- **This Sunday's Scripture speaks to confusing times when folk do not feel in control ... or if anything is certain -**
 - **Key Scripture - Matthew 9: 36**
 - **“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.**
 - **Jesus addresses this with healing and the proclamation of Good News.**
- We are able to deliver lunches to your home.

- Cynthia Sirett will describe the work of the Christian Community during this Sunday's Service.
- If a lunch delivered to your home would be helpful, we will serve as we are able. Contact the Office.
- A note from the Stewardship Team
 - **Folk who bought geraniums - Please save the pots for our supplier. When we get back to Church there will be a box in the entrance area to collect them.**
- We are mindful about finances
 - Please consider Pre-Authorized Payments (PAR) as a consistent way to support the congregation
 - Grocery / Gift Cards are still available for sale - Contact the Church Office at - 613 283 4444
- **In recent days the government announced that COVID-19 measures may be relaxed. Our Regional Council will discuss this on Thursday, as will Trinity's Council.**
- **The design, configuration and circumstance of every church is different.**
 - **Our guiding principle will be exclusively your health and safety -**
 - **We will not rush or push the limits of what is permitted**
- Connection
 - If you would like the latest posts from the church but have not been receiving updates by email, we may not have your address.
- Care
 - The Healing Pathway Team and others are actively praying together starting at 1:00 pm every Wednesday.

If you want to be contacted regularly by phone, contact the church

and let us know - the church office number is - 613 283 4444

COVID-19 Community Meal Distribution Points

Monday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican Delivery Only	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesday	Trinity United Church - Brown Bag & Blessing Front Foyer - 41 Market Street	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday	St Francis de Sales - St. Vincent de Paul Society 4 McGill St (Hanley Hall)	12:00 - 12:30 pm
Thursday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican Delivery Only	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Friday	Mississippi Rideau Lakes - Salvation Army 251 Brockville St	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday	Trinity United Church - Volunteers from - SFDCI Front Foyer - 41 Market Street	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican Delivery Only	11:00 am - 12:30 pm



We are grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls and Lanark County. Take Away Meals offered during this State of Emergency are subsidized through the generosity of the Community Grant Program and COVID-19 emergency funds.

We are grateful for the teachers and staff of SFDCI and Duncan J. Schoular Public School who volunteer on Saturdays.

Two Guys for Lunch are active partners with us in this community service.

Conditions under which the food is prepared is consistent with best practices respecting COVID-19

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

Elements of today's Worship Service are drawn and adapted from the Presbyterian Church in Canada online Worship Planner.

Introit MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart" vs.1

Call to Worship

Holy and generous is God,

the author of all things;

Loving and gracious is Christ,

the bearer of our salvation;

Gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit,

the breath of new life.

Come, let us worship God,

Creator, Saviour and Breath of New Life,

with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

Prayer of Gathering

You are overflowing with love,

infinite in kindness, and

incomparable in glory.

You are the source of all good things.

There is none like you in all our imaginations.

You bring new life and offer us hope.

In you, all things work together for good.

Your presence breaks into our lives

and you touch us with wonder.

In this time of worship, we offer
thanks with our prayers,
praise with our hearts and
honor with our lives,
this day and every day, now and always.

Amen

Hymn 649 "Walk With Me"

*Walk with me, I will walk with you and
build the land that God has planned where love shines through.*

When Moses heard the call of God he said, "Lord, don't send me."
But God told Moses, "You're the one to set my people free."

Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock,
But Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock.

Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more,
And by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door.

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

*Walk with me, I will walk with you and
build the land that God has planned where love shines through.*

Learning with Children

When the Lift was Stuck with people in it - Confusion clouded the
Solution.

The voice of calm led to Freedom.

Call to Reconciliation

Confusing times often leave us frustrated. In our frustration, we are vulnerable to speaking and acting in ways that do not reflect our best intentions.

Prayer of Confession

Wise and patient God,

We confess that we stray from your presence.

You have offered us peace

yet our lives feel frustrating and unsettled in these times.

You offer us compassion

yet we feel neglected and resentful.

You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose

but we become preoccupied with our own plans and desires.

Forgive us and draw our attention back to you

so that we follow your guidance and

trust you as our Shepherd.

Assurance of Pardon

God is merciful and gracious; abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture Psalm 100 (VU 824); Matthew 9:35-10:1

Psalm 100 (VU 824)

Refrain - Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Shout to God, all the earth:

worship with gladness and joy.

Come before God with laughter,

our maker to whom we belong.

To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,

let us raise our voices in song.

Refrain - Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Come to God's gates with thanks;

come to God's courts with praise.

Praise and bless God's name.

'Truly you are good:

you are always gracious,

and faithful age after age.'

Refrain - Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (NRSV)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Hymn 472 "O Jesus, joy of loving hearts"

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of us.
From every bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you plead with all to call on you.
To those who seek you, you are good, to those who find you, life is new.

We taste your ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountainhead, our thirsting souls from you we fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the bleak night of sin away; shed o'er the world your holy light.

Reflection -

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

For three months we have been living with the specter of COVID-19. During that time, it has been clear that the virus is dangerous and if we did not act appropriately, the consequences could be dire. We knew that and we believed that, however, we were never quite certain what “acting appropriately entailed.” In the beginning, those who expected the worst stocked up on toilet paper, pasta, flour, yeast, rice. I think there were some who stocked up on seed and chickens. ... It was as if the first folk out of the gate were provisioning their backyard bunkers or bug-out camps in some deep-woods, off-grid location. Should we close the borders...

International and provincial? Social Distancing,... softened to Physical Distancing ... Two meters of separation ... or more ... What about outdoors? What about drive-in gatherings? The efficacy of masks was debated,... now they are almost mandatory. Now we are told that we can begin to move toward normal... I do not know about you, but nothing much feels normal to me.

People we love have been lonely, depressed, tired and cranky. We are impatient to move forward but are uncertain as to where “forward” is.

Will somebody please tell us what to do?

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus lived and ministered in a place and time of uncertainty and anxiety. A proud, independent people, the Children of Israel, God’s chosen people, under occupation by a foreign power. It was a confusing time ... but there was no lack of leadership -

Zealots and Insurrectionists,
Collaborators and Bureaucrats,
Priests, Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Religious Lawyers,
Herod was the local client King, Pontius Pilate was the Governor ...
whose jurisdiction is this?

In Jesus Christ Superstar, a mocking Pilate complains that “You Jews produce messiahs by the sackful!”

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

So, what does helpful leadership look like in these confusing days?
What did Jesus do?

He sent his disciples *“to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message:*

‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.

Freely you have received; freely give.

In the midst of these confusing, uncertain days Trinity is responding with a message of Hope and Healing, Comfort and Care.

Cynthia Sirett is the Chair of our Christian Community Team and she will speak to this Ministry of Comfort and Care as it is manifest in our our Lunch Delivery Program -

Cynthia -

Some reflections for Wed., June 10/20 Brown Bag Lunches

In last Sunday's service, we reflected on Genesis 1:1. God is love, and love is best expressed toward something for someone else - so God created the world and people as an expression of his love.

So how can we embrace our members and friends at a time when Trinity United Church is closed? The challenge of our days during the Covid 19 Pandemic is having to socially distance ourselves to be safe and healthy. How can we strengthen that wide circle of love at Trinity? Thank goodness for the telephone, the phone tree, television, computers, greeting cards and your family.

Have you ever attended a special event and experienced the fellowship of friends and continue to dream of these special memories? Because we are a little disconnected these days - delivery of the brown bag lunches, with especially the enclosed blessing, is a real treat with which to look forward.

My team 'The Christian Community Team' is working together to drive 'Miss Daisy' in delivering lunches from Monday-Friday.

People receive one or two meals each week at noon.

Imagine when you are no longer driving and live alone and we deliver a special lunch just because we care.

Imagine being at home by yourself when the knock comes to the door. Lunch is here!

Imagine someone who has never had a break from making lunch day in and day out and getting one delivered with a smile!

Imagine the delicious variety of sandwiches that people get to enjoy!

When the lunch is delivered, a quick chat at the door to ask how things are going and if there is anything we can do to help? (Of course with our masks on!)

Imagine being able to send your church offering to the church safely.

Masks are also being delivered when needed.

We are here for you.

We are very appreciative of all the volunteers helping with the lunch programme.

What a nice surprise and treat to know you are being thought of with love.

How else do we and you spread the love?

Hymn 266 "Amazing grace"

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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

Invitation to Offering

God's goodness inspires us even in times of uncertainty so that we endure in faithfulness and find hope even amid difficulty. We present our gifts to God in gratitude that God's love never lets us go.

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 Street / PO Box 28, 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 and amount allocated to general church expenses, M&S. and/or capital projects.
4. Of course you can always mail a donation to the church office at 41/ PO Box 28 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.

Offering Prayer

Our Good Shepherd, we are grateful that you guide us through difficult times. Bless our gifts and make them signs of your presence in the world for those who need to be embraced by your love and your strength through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditation "Deep River"

Prayers of the People

Ever creating,

Ever loving,
Ever leading:

We turn to you in uncertain times, trusting in your steadfast love.

Wherever people are anxious about the future,
overwhelmed by their responsibilities,
or worried because of the upheavals the pandemic has
caused,
Bring peace and hope, we pray,

Where people are lonely or isolated, longing for love,
where people are trapped in unhealthy relationships or
facing violence each day,
where people are grieving the loss of routines or
purpose in their lives, or the loss of someone beloved:
Bring courage and hope.

Where people feel pain in their bodies, in their minds or spirits,
where people seek healing or help,
where desperation fills each day:
Bring healing and hope.

Where leaders work to guide communities to renewed life,
where professionals discern scientific, medical and
economic insights to protect and restore the quality of life
after the pandemic,
where individuals strive to care for the earth and its
vulnerable inhabitants:
Bring wisdom and hope.

By your Spirit, tend your promise of new life
amid the current struggles in the world you love.

Where hope flickers, reignite its power;

Shine the light of Christ's love into each life and renew our trust in you.

We are thankful that we can experience God in a relationship from which we draw strength, courage and encouragement.

The ways of knowing God - Mother, Father, Friend -

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer;

may be expressed in the prayer Jesus taught us -

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever

Amen

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,

fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction

God sends us out to bear witness to grace.

Speak of all God has done.

Jesus sends us out into every neighborhood and community.

Bear the burdens of everyone we meet.

The Spirit sends us out on a journey of faithfulness.

See everyone through the eyes of compassion.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Johnson)