



Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Year A  
June 21, 2020

Key Scripture - Matthew 10:25

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Theme -

What if We are the Master?



*Welcome All*

- † Newcomers please sign our guestbook 
- † Special requests may be made through Facebook  [Contact Us](#)
- † 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 - 17 June 2020

Finally, it seems that there is light at the end of the tunnel. However, we are still in the tunnel, so do not put your Sunday Shirt on yet.

Trinity has formed a "Reopening Trinity Committee," led by the Spiritual Leadership Team and comprised of:

Property, Spiritual Leadership Team, Trustees, UCW,  
Stewardship, Christian Community, Music and Ministry &  
Personnel

We hope 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.

Our guiding principle will be exclusively your health and safety.  
We will not rush or push the limits of what is permitted.

The design, configuration and circumstance of every church is different. It is possible that we will not be able to meet the requirements as soon as we would like.

The congregation will be apprised of developments.

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

○ Comfort

**I Pray We Don't Go Back To The Old Normal -**

**I pray that we remember to thank God for**

**the gift of an embrace,**

**teachers and School staff,**

**our congregation,**

**people who keep us supplied with the necessities of life, and**

**the ability to visit a friend or go to a gathering.**

**I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few months and create a new normal**

**to pray more,**

**love harder, and**

**truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few months ago.**

*Adapted from - A Prayer Regarding the "New Normal"  
St Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church*

○ 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 the limitations of the Disciple and of the Slave -**

● **Key Scripture - Matthew 10:24**

○ **"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;..."**

● **What happens when we become the Teacher?**

- **What happens when we are set free?**
- **When do we rise above the legacy of the past and accept responsibility to lead in our own day?**
- We are able to deliver lunches to your home.
  - Cynthia Sirett has a list of 46 meals to be delivered this week.
  - 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 we will collect and return 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
- 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 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.

## **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 214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"

May God's sheltering wings,  
his gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
his cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in his love,  
and hold you in his love.

## **Call to Worship**

Gladden the souls of your servants, O God!

**To you we lift up our hearts.**

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**Listen to our voice and answer.**

God is great and does wondrous things,

**So we come to worship and bow down.**

Let us glorify God together.

## **Prayer of Gathering**

God of grace,

You created our minds to grow in wisdom.

You created our hearts to expand with love for you and your world.

You created our voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit,  
so we may worship you in spirit and in truth,  
bold and unafraid to follow you.

**Amen**

**Hymn** MV 126 "Are You A Shepherd?"

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

***Refrain -***

*Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.*

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
challenging students to offer their best?

***Refrain -***

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight.

***Refrain -***

## **Learning with Children**

This is Father's Day.

When I was a boy, my father was my hero. I was amazed by the things he knew - he could fix brakes, he knew how to harness a horse, he knew how to treat scours, when I was 9 years old, he rebuilt my bicycle and painted it red ... it was awesome. My father knew all the best fishing spots... I am not sure if he knew how to get a fishing licence ... He was a little cagey about that ... you can ask your parents what "cagey" means... We were pretty far from rich but my father always had at least one part-time job after he finished his day job ... so we never wanted for anything.

When I became a father, I was somebody else's hero. I was a much different hero. My daughter thought that there was no problem I could not solve. Fixing the toaster was as amazing to her as if I invented a time-machine.

I am different from my Father.

I am a different hero ... I was a Father in a different age.

If I did not find my own way that matched the advances and advantages of my own time, I would not have been much of a father at all

...

I had to take my own responsibility to be my Daughter's own hero ... Otherwise, I would have only been an adult child myself ...

In our Bible reading today, Jesus tells us that the reputation of the master of the house affects everybody in the house. That might mean lots of things. One thing it might mean is that on Father's Day we should thank God for Fathers who are heroes. And to ask God to help our Fathers of any age to be a hero always.

## **Call to Reconciliation**

It may be easier to be a disciple than a teacher.

It may be easier to follow than to lead.

It may be easier to be a child than a father.

A day comes when

the disciple is called to teach,  
the follower is called to lead,  
the child becomes an adult.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God who creates the future,  
You call us to follow you,  
yet we prefer to remain where we are.  
You offer us new beginnings,  
yet we make the same, familiar choices.  
You invite us into the fullness of life,  
yet we distance ourselves through fear and doubt.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Cleanse us by Your Grace.  
Rouse us by the Spirit to be  
intentional, courageous, different  
even when the “same” is more welcome in the World.  
Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

In Christ, we are made a new creation; the old life is gone, and the new life has come!

Know that God loves you and forgives you. Do not be afraid to make a new start!

**Scripture** Psalm 86 (VU 803); Matthew 10:24-31

## ***Refrain -***

***In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.***

Turn your ear to me, O God, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

**Preserve my life for I am faithful; save your servant for I trust in you.**

Be merciful to me, my lord, for I call to you all day long.

**Gladden the heart of your servant, for to you I lift up my soul.**  
For you, my lord, are good and forgiving, and great in mercy to all who call on you.

**Give heed, O God, to my prayer, and listen to my cry of supplication.**

*Refrain -*

*In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.*

Among the gods there is none like you, my lord, nor can the deeds of any be compared to yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come and bow before you.**  
They shall glorify your name, my lord,  
**for you are great and do marvellous things; you alone are God.**

*Refrain -*

*In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.*

Turn to me then, and have mercy; give your strength to your servant.

**Save your handmaiden's child; give me a sign of your favour!**  
Then those who hate me will see and be ashamed,  
**for you, God, have helped and comforted me.**

*Refrain -*

*In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.*

Matthew 10:24-31 (NRSV)

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the

master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**Hymn**     560 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sure and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

**Reflection -**

*“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!”*

Today is Father's Day. If you have not already reflected on your Father or Fatherhood, you likely will. If you are an adult, reflecting on your Father or Fatherhood will likely take you back. The context in which we first experienced a Father or Fatherhood saw us as a child, a Son or a Daughter.

We remember a day when adults spoke on our behalf. We remember a day when expectations were placed upon us by folk who were in a position of having authority over us. As children, it may have been that we did not make many of our own decisions or set all our own goals or were even deemed responsible for our own or actions.

In those days, the reputation or status of our Father or Family would have been a basis of esteem or judgement rather than our own accomplishments or character. I suspect many of us did not even pick out our own clothes...

If you are the right age, you may remember - DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince. They released *Parents Just Don't Understand* in 1988

The first part of the song is about school shopping -

I remember one year

My mom took me school shopping

It was me, my brother, my mom, oh, my pop, and my little sister

All hopped in the car

We headed downtown to the Gallery Mall

My mom started bugging with the clothes she chose

I didn't say nothing at first

I just turned up my nose

She said, "What's wrong? This shirt cost \$20"

I said, "Mom, this shirt is plaid with a butterfly collar!"

The next half hour was the same old thing

My mother buying me clothes from 1963

And then she lost her mind and did the ultimate

I asked her for Adidas and she bought me Zips!

**I said, "Mom, what are you doing, you're ruining my rep"**

**She said, "You're only sixteen, you don't have a rep yet"**

Do you remember those days? Limited responsibility and your reputation, ... well is not really yours yet.

***“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!”***

A disciple, a slave, ourselves as small children - Limited responsibility and carrying a reputation that somebody else assigns us.

I will always be my Father's Son. I am not just a Son, I am also a Father. We have been adults now for a long time, we have our own responsibilities and our own reputation. We are no longer just Disciples, we are Teachers too. We are no longer just Followers, we are Leaders too.

***If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!”***

It has been a long time since we could reasonably claim to be the hapless inheritors of a reputation for which we are not responsible. We are the leaders now, it will be our decisions and actions upon which our reputation is built, we are responsible. If our reputation is that of Beelzebul, we are of the age and position to own it. If it is our desire to have a different reputation for ourselves and our community it is our responsibility to build it. The days of our parents picking out our clothes is long over.

So, what does this mean?

We are still in the month of June - This month has been packed with reminders of unfortunate legacies.

LGBT Pride month calls us to take responsibility for our action or inaction with respect to the treatment of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Folk. The days of repeating jokes and insults we hurled in Junior High are long over. Days of silence or intimidation because we hold an opinion different than our peers hold or what previous generations have taught us are over. ***We dress ourselves now.***

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada. There was a day when we could plead ignorance. There are some who say, "That was a different day. We did what we were told was right." ... But ... ***We know better now.*** We are not hapless inheritors of a reputation for which we are not responsible. Our treatment of Indigenous folk, ... including indifference regarding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is ***our responsibility.*** This is no longer a legacy thrust upon us, this is a reality and reputation that we have an opportunity to address today. This is ours now. Our action or inaction in our age and time will shape the reputation of our children and grandchildren. ***We dress ourselves now.***

June has seen questions regarding systemic racism; these are not questions about our past. These questions are ***about us*** and they are ***for us to explore and to answer.*** ***We dress ourselves now.***

***"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"***

Jesus was speaking to Disciples who would soon become Teachers. Jesus was speaking to Followers who would soon become Leaders. It was their Teaching and Leadership that would determine the reputation of those who would follow.

***"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"***

May it never be that our household, our generation, our church, our faith and that of generations to come be maligned because we did not take the opportunity and responsibility to Teach and to Lead something better in our day. *We dress ourselves now.*

AMEN.

**Hymn 567 "Will You Come And Follow Me?"**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

**Invitation to Offering**

Pentecost season celebrates the gifts of the Spirit energized in the Church to touch the world with God's love and mercy, God's truth and justice. Whatever you offer back to God becomes a gift which can change the world for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Points to Ponder - Linda Stronski**  
Church Report June 21 2020

As a member of Trinity United Church, I was elected or named as a delegate to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. During the Inaugural General Meeting last year, I was chosen to be a member of the Executive. A letter of intention had been filled out by myself, and I met the criteria they were looking for.

As a member of the Executive, we make hard decisions for the Region.

The announcement by Premier Doug Ford took us all by surprise. There was a lot to think about, how this could be safely done.

After much discussion, the following motion was carried.

Motion( L. Stronski/ L. Suddaby) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive:

- Strongly recommend that no churches reopen for public worship before Labor Day weekend:
- Expects that every Community of Faith prepare guidelines for reopening and submit their plan to Regional Council (wstrong@united-church.ca), two weeks prior to their proposed opening date.
- Agreed to post and circulate the information and resources pertaining to safely reopening Communities of Faith:

- Communities of Faith to be in touch with their local health units:
- Expects every Community of Faith create a separate plan with guidelines for reopening building to rentals and community activities or Community groups: and
- Continue to provide information, as developments require.

Carried

Our Church Council felt it would be wiser to wait until after Labor Day before we opened to the congregation if it is safe to do so at that point.

A Reopening Committee has already been formed to work through the list of things we need to do. We need to consider entry and exit points, seating people in the pews with the proper spacing, no singing, no passing the collection plate, use of PPE/ masks, use of washrooms (sanitized after each use) potential visitors, temperature checks, list of attendees for contact tracing if needed.

The bottom line is safety. Yours, mine, our clergy and our loved ones.

## 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](http://www.trinityunitedsf.ca) and use the "DONATE" button. It takes you to [CanadaHelps.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca).

Thank you.

## **Offering Prayer**

O God, you are kind and generous to us, so we bring our gifts to you in gratitude. Pour your Spirit out on these gifts and on our lives, so that we may bear the fruit of your Spirit in everything we do and every life we touch. We pray in the name of Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

**Meditation** "Sunrise, Sunset" (Bock)

## **Prayers of the People**

God of compassion and courage,

In our weakness you are strength.

In our darkness you are light.

In our sorrows you are comfort and peace.

Embrace each situation we remember in our prayers  
with your steadfast love.

We thank you for moments of joy that break into our lives,  
even in the strange times of isolation and re emergence  
for love given and received,  
for friends who furnish our life with meaning and happiness,  
and for family who embrace us with love and understanding.

And we thank you for caring and faithful fathers celebrated this day,  
and pray for those fathers cut off from their families.

God of the nations

We pray for our country and countries around this world  
affected by COVID-19.

Guide leaders to make wise decisions

and give patience and courage to those whose lives have been  
disrupted,  
especially those who fear what the future holds.

God of compassion

We pray for peace to prevail in places torn by war,  
and ask that respect for human life will grow  
wherever people are abused or scorned.

We pray for all those who are suffering  
and for all who mourn significant loss.

Surround them with your love and  
support them with the strength of your Spirit.

Open our eyes to see how we might bring comfort  
to those who are hurting.

Hear us as we offer prayers in silence for the concerns on our hearts  
this day...

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, Fiend -

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** 238 "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain -*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

*Refrain -*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

*Refrain -*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain -*

**Benediction**

As you leave this place, remember you may be the only grace  
someone will meet this week.

**We go, to share God's graciousness with all.**

Remember you may be the only love someone will encounter this week.

**We go, to be the love of Jesus for all.**

Remember you may be the only peace someone will find this week.

**We go, to share the Spirit of hope and reconciliation with all.**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude** "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" (Morris)