



**TRINITY**  
UNITED CHURCH  
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Year A  
September 20, 2020



Key Scripture - Psalm 145:4

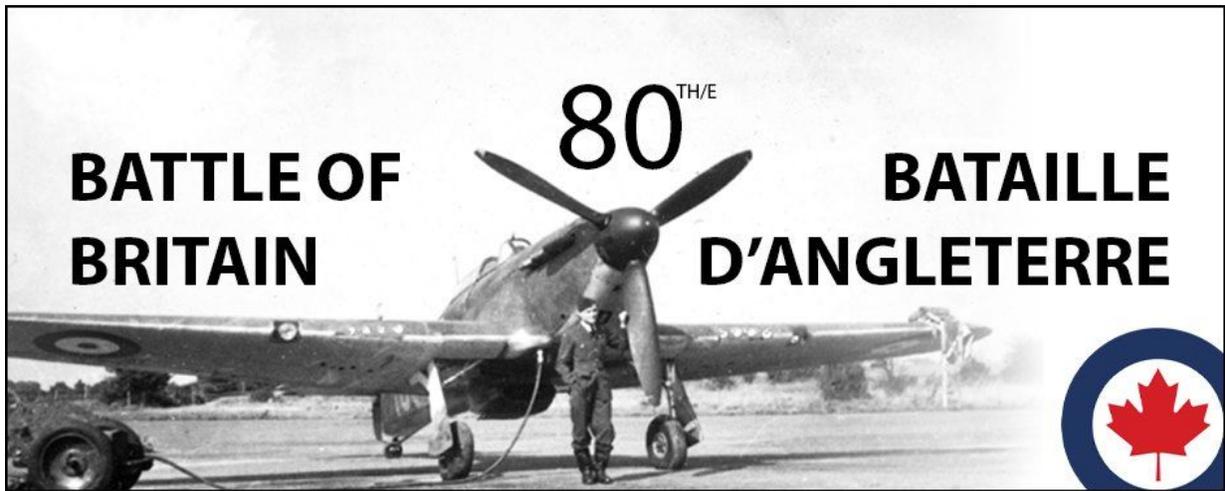
One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts

*Welcome All*

- † Newcomers please sign our guestbook
- † Special requests may be made through Facebook
- † 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 Congregation is Active in a Ministry of Prayer, Service and Care.

## Welcome and Announcements

This week's Phone Tree Message - 16 September 2020



**This year is the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain**

*On the Battle of Britain Sunday we give thanks for the liberty which that Battle preserved for us and the world. We remember with gratitude the dedication and heroism of members of the Canadian, British and Allied Air Forces. We remember their successors; now engaged in many parts of the world and pray that you would watch over them. We pray for our Air Force, that its power and skill may always be used to safeguard justice and peace through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Adapted from “A Service dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in the Battle of Britain 10 July – 31 October 1940” Anglican Military Ordinariate

- **Last Sunday was our first “In Person” since 15 March**
  - **27 people were present, we had room for 9 more (accounting for families and couples)**
  - **We were disciplined and followed all safety procedures**

- **If you plan on attending a Sunday Service, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly**
  
- **Capacity and Support**
  - The sanctuary can accommodate 30 “Bubbles.”
    - 30 individuals or
    - family units to a maximum of 50 individuals
  - The church “lift” is available
  - One washroom at the sanctuary level will be available
  - Fellowship Hall and other facilities are out of bounds
  
- **Suspended Activities**
  - Communion
  - Fellowship Time
  - Children’s programming
  - Congregational singing
  - “Passing the Plate” for Collection
  
- **Minimizing Exposure**
  - Risk assessment information will be available prior to worship
  - Health screening station will be set up outside
  - Entry, Exit and Movement within the sanctuary will be managed by Ushers
  - Post Service Cleaning and Disinfecting will be completed ASAP
  
- **Communication**
  - Posters will be prominently displayed in all critical areas as reminders regarding physical distancing, mandatory mask wearing and hand washing
  
- **Trinity United Church News and Updates -**
  - **Worship Services are again being broadcast on COGECO**
  - Services are available on Trinity’s Web Page and FaceBook

- **Sunday's Scripture speaks to Blessing as we have been Blessed -**
  - **Key Scripture - Psalm 145: 4**
    - **“One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts”**
  - **Theme - Faithfulness and Courage, Age to Age**
    - **Hope is formed in the crucible of hardship. We give thanks for the courage of those who have gone on before us and pray that in our age, we may be found likewise steadfast.**
- **If a lunch delivered to your home would be helpful, we will serve as we are able. Contact the Office.**
- **Teachers are no longer available to volunteer.**
  - **If you would like to help, let Betty Lou Kempt know - 613 291 0701**
- **A note from the Stewardship Team**
  - **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**
- **Care**
  - **Please remember your mask when you leave your home.**
  - **Masks are available at the church Tuesday and Saturday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and Sunday morning prior to worship.**  
It is a blessing to know that we have many folk in our own Congregation and community who are so faithful in making masks so that all of us can be safer.
  - **Of course, masks are not a replacement for 2 metres of separation**

**We are grateful for Ron and Gail Botham's ministry. Ushers and Greeters are often the first folk we meet when coming into a church. Ushers help make sure that folk are comfortable with the layout of the**

sanctuary, our schedule, and traditions. The way we worship is so familiar to us that it is easy to forget that newcomers may find it daunting. Ushers do not forget. It is an important Ministry and we have been served very well.

Ron has retired from his position as Head Usher. We will miss him in this capacity and we look forward to ministering with him and Gail in other ways for many years to come.

**For the love of our Neighbours,  
this is how we will gather together as Church:**

**C** **Come** in the Main Door

**O** **Observe** Physical Distancing

**M** **Masks** are Mandatory

**M** **Move**, Hum and Clap for hymns  
(Only soloists will do the singing)

**U** **Ushers** will direct you to and from  
your seat

**N** **No** Touching (hugs or handshakes)

**I** **Infants/Children** to stay with families

**T** **Toilets** (Wash hands, wipe taps)

**Y** **Your** Stuff stays with you (no coat  
racks, etc.)

Thanks to Resurrection Church in Halifax for this poster



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.

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

### **Battle of Britain Sunday -**

Battle of Britain Sunday commemorates a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War.

The German objective was to eliminate the Royal Air Force both in the air and on the ground, and to obtain air superiority in preparation for a seaborne and airborne invasion. Deployed along the French and Belgian coasts, the Luftwaffe began their first heavy onslaught early in July 1940, directed against British shipping and the Channel ports. The intention of this first phase of the battle was to draw the Royal Air Force into combat and wear down its strength. The second phase, from 8 to 18 August, consisted of intensive day operations against coastal radar stations and fighter airfields. The third phase began after a five-day lull with increased night attacks and attacks on the fighter airfields in the London area.

The daylight assault on London itself marked the beginning of the fourth phase. This opened on 7 September, with attacks on the docks which, though serious themselves, brought vital relief to the fighter airfields which had been under such pressure, and lasted most of the month. It reached a climax on 15 September, when over one thousand sorties were flown against the capital in the afternoon and at night. On that

occasion the Luftwaffe lost 56 aircraft. It was, in Sir Winston Churchill's words: "One of the decisive battles of the war." Churchill went on to say: "The gratitude of every home in our Island, in our Empire, and indeed throughout the world... goes out to the airmen who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of world war by their prowess and by devotion. *Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*"

Throughout October, the fifth and last phase of the Battle saw the decline of enemy daylight attacks on London and an increase in the night bombing of Britain's major ports and industrial centers. At the beginning of the struggle the Luftwaffe had 2,790 aircraft to launch against England. Britain had fewer than 60 fighter squadrons, – some 650 aircraft – and the ground staff had to work sometimes 16 hours a day to keep the machines in the air. Between 24 August and 6 September alone, Fighter Command lost 103 pilots and 128 seriously wounded (including Canadians), while 366 fighters had been put out of action including Canadian. There were 1495 pilots and crew killed during the Battle of Britain, of which 49 were Canadian. Of 103 Canadian fighter pilots in battle, 23 were killed in action.

Many Canadians served in the squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes which repulsed the Luftwaffe in the summer of 1940. No. 1 Fighter Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), equipped with modern eight-gun fighters, became the first RCAF unit to engage enemy planes in battle when it met a formation of German bombers over southern England on August 26, 1940. It shot down three of them and damaged four others with the loss of one pilot and one plane. Its next meeting with the enemy was not as fortunate as it was attacked out of the sun by Messerschmitts and lost three planes. By mid-October the squadron had accounted for 31 enemy aircraft destroyed and probably 43 more destroyed or damaged. It lost 16 Hurricanes; three pilots had been killed.

To limit confusion, the RCAF squadrons were operated as separate units from the RAF, generally keeping the Canadians together. Other Canadians flew with the Royal Air Force during that difficult period. 242

(Canadian) Squadron RAF, which had been formed in 1939 from some of the many Canadians who flew directly with the Royal Air Force, was not reinforced with veterans from the French campaign and joined in the battle. On August 30, nine of its planes met a hundred enemy aircraft over Essex. Attacking from above, the squadron claimed 12 victories and escaped unscathed.

Canadians also shared in repulsing the Luftwaffe's last major daylight attack. On September 27, 303 Squadron RAF and 1 Squadron RCAF attacked the first wave of enemy bombers. Seven, possibly eight enemy planes were destroyed, and another seven damaged. The Royal Canadian Air Force thus received its "baptism of fire."

In commemorating the airmen who fought in the Battle of Britain, we pay tribute also to those who in later years of the war served in all the Allied Forces at sea, land, and air. Today we record our continuing sense of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war, and we rededicate ourselves to strive untiringly for peace, justice, and freedom in the world.

**Introit** "Land of Hope And Glory" (Elgar)

### **Call to Worship**

I will lift up my eyes to the hills,  
from whence comes my help?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.  
Seek those things which are above.

### **Prayer of Gathering**

Gracious God, we have gathered on this Battle of Britain Sunday to give thanks for the liberty which that Battle preserved for us and the world.

We remember with gratitude the dedication and heroism of members of the Canadian, British and Allied Air Forces. We remember their

successors; our sisters and brothers, young men and women now engaged in many parts of the world and pray that you would watch over them.

We pray for our Royal Canadian Air Force, that its power and skill may always be used to safeguard justice and peace. Amen.

### **Hymn** "He Who Would Valiant Be"

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset her round with dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound; her strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay her might,  
Though she with giants fight;  
She will make good her right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what they say,  
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

### **Learning with Children** **Childrens' Prayer**

#### **Scripture**

Psalm 145: 1-8 (VU866)

**Refrain -**

*We praise you O God: we bless your holy name.*

Every day we will bless you  
and praise your name forever.

**O God, you are great and highly to be praised;  
your greatness is beyond all measure.**

One generation shall praise your works to another,  
and declare your marvelous deeds.

**I will speak of your splendor and glory,  
and all your wonderful works.**

*Refrain -*

*We praise you O God: we bless your holy name.*

You, God, are righteous in all your ways,  
and loving in all your deeds.

**You are near to all who call to you,  
to all who call on you in truth.**

You fulfill the desire of those who revere you;  
you hear their cry and you save them.

**You watch over all who love you,  
but the wicked you will destroy.**

My mouth will speak your praise, O God.

**I let every creature bless your holy name forever.**

*Refrain -*

*We praise you O God: we bless your holy name.*

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I

will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## **Hymn** "I Vow To Thee My Country"

I vow to thee my country all earthly things above  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King,  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,

And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

### **High Flight -**

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of...wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sun-lit silence...  
Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along  
And flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delicious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew;  
And while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

**Reflection - "Never Was So Much Owed by So Many to So Few"**

### **Hymn 652 "Be Still, My Soul"**

Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your Saviour and your guide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend  
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul, for God will undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey  
the voice that once the waves' wild fury strayed.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be for ever in God's peace;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
love's joys restored, our strivings shall cease.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

**Invitation to Offering**

When we could not find our way, Christ came searching for us.  
So may our gifts be used to bring hope to those cast aside by the  
world, peace to those whose lives are troubled, and grace to all who  
are alone.

**Offering Prayer**

**Meditation** "White Cliffs of Dover" (Kent/Burton)

**Inscription on the centre window of the  
Air Forces Memorial, Runnymede**

The first rays of the dawning sun  
Shall touch its pillars,  
And as the day advances  
And the light grows stronger,

You shall read the names  
    Engraved on the stone  
        Of those who sailed the angry sky  
            And saw harbour no more.

No gravestone in yew-dark churchyard  
    Shall mark their resting place;  
Their bones lie in the forgotten corners  
    Of earth and sea.

But, that we may not lose their memory  
    With fading years, their monument stands here,  
Here, at the heart of England, half-way between  
    Royal Windsor and lordly London; looking down,  
Here, where the trees troop down to Runnymede.

Meadow of Magna Carta, field of freedom,  
    Never saw you so fitting a memorial,  
Proof that the principles established here  
    Are still dear to the hearts of men.

Here now they stand, contrasted and alike,  
    The field of freedom's birth, and the memorial  
        To freedom's winning.

And, as evening comes,  
    And mists, like quiet ghosts, rise from the river bed,  
    And climb the hill to wander through the cloisters,  
We shall not forget them. Above the mist  
We shall see the memorial still, and over it  
    The crown and single star. And we shall pray  
        As the mists rise up and the air grows dark  
            that we may wear

as brave a heart as they.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Prayer For the Royal Canadian Air Force -*

Almighty God,

You make the clouds Your chariot and walk upon the wings of the wind:

Have mercy, we pray You, on the members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and when they are amidst the clouds and wonders of the sky, give to them the assurance of Your protection, that they may do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is their refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 -

## **We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn** 240 "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven" vs 1, 2, 5

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favour  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

### **Benediction**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church,  
and all humankind, peace and freedom, and to us in this uncertain world,  
eternal life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the  
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      "We'll Meet Again" (Parker)