



Canadian Thanksgiving
Year A
October 11, 2020

Luke 17:18

“Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

Theme

Whom Do You Include in Thanksgiving?



We Welcome All

- † Special requests may be made through Facebook or our WebPage
- † 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

A Thanksgiving Prayer

God, giver of all good,
you continually pour your benefits upon us.
Age after age the living wait upon you and find
that your faithfulness has no end,
that your care is unfailing.

We praise you that the mystery of life
is a mystery of infinite goodness.

We praise you
for the order and constancy of nature;
for the beauty and bounty of the earth;
for day and night, summer and winter,
seedtime and harvest;
for the varied gifts of loveliness which every season brings.

We give you thanks
for all the comfort and joy of life,
for our homes, for our friends,
and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people.

Amen.

*from Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church
of Canada (UCPH, 2000)*

- Worship Services are broadcast on COGECO and are available on Trinity's Web Page and FaceBook
- **Sunday's Scripture speaks to Knowing Whom to Thank -**
 - **Key Scripture - Luke 17:18**
 - **"Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"**
 - **Theme - Whom Do You Include in Thanksgiving?**
 - **While all Lepers in this Gospel account may have thanked their Priests, only the Samaritan returned to thank Jesus. Doubtless, they were all grateful and thanked God, only one returned to thank the One through whom God healed.**
 - **We are grateful to God and the faithful folk through whom God Works.**

Congregational Notes -

- Linda Stronski has a **Huge** bowl with the beginnings of a coin collection in it. It is for a special offering UCW Sunday, 25 October.
- If you would like to return your geranium pots, a box for collecting them will be available Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday.
- UCW Wreaths - Are being purchased. If you would like one, two, three or more, you may pre-order by October 30 by emailing trinityfundraising@gmail.com or by calling Sharon at - 613 283 6923



Christmas Wreath

**Trinity United Church Women
Fundraiser**

18" Fresh Balsam Wreath

Pre-order by October 30th
by emailing
trinitysfundraising@gmail.com
or by calling
Sharon at 613-283-6923

More details on dropping off money or pick-up
will be given when you call or by return email
Pick-up date is December 1st.

\$25.00

- Gift Cards are still for sale through the office and can be ready for pickup on Sundays or by arrangement with the Office.
- If a lunch delivered to your home would be helpful, we will serve as we are able. Contact the Office.
- **If you would like to help or receive a lunch, let Betty Lou 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
- 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.
 - Of course, masks are not a replacement for 2 metres of separation

Trinity United Church COVID-19 Worship Protocols -

- **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



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

Introit 236 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

God crowns the year with bounty;

**Pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves
with joy.**

Valleys deck themselves with grain;

they shout and sing together for joy.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare all God's
praise?

Let us praise God together for all God's goodness to us.

Prayer of Gathering

Generous God,

You are the first and the last, the giver of all good things.

Your glory is endless; your power, incomparable.

Your love stretches wider than the universe,

your mercy reaches beyond the heights of heaven.

We gather with hearts thankful for the abundance of your creation
to worship.

Inspired by this time of worship,
may our hearts overflow with praise each and every day,
and may our lives reflect our gratitude to you
in the ways we share your abundant love
in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Hymn 520 "We Plough The Fields"

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.*

You only are the maker of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;
the wind and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.*

We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.*

Learning with Children

Childrens' Prayer

For this new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends.
For everything Your goodness sends,

We thank You, dearest Lord.
Amen.

Call to Reconciliation

The One who
 showers earth with rain,
 places the stars in the autumn sky,
is the same who
 wraps mercy tight around you,
 feeds us on healing and hope.

Let us confess to the God who hears us and restores us to new life.

Prayer of Confession

Generous and loving God,

**we confess that in a world where many do not have enough,
 we enjoy more than we need.**

**In a world where many live in fear,
 we take peace for granted.**

**In a world where many have lost hope,
 we become indifferent to despair and grumble about small
things.**

Forgive us, merciful God,

**and transform our lives to shine with the generosity, peace and
hope**

you offer us in Christ Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

It is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65 (VU782); Luke 17:11-19

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (NRSV)

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65 (VU782)

Refrain -

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed.

You give heed to prayer; to you all mortals shall come.

The burden of our sins is too great for us,
but you will purge them away.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

Blessed are the people you choose
and bring to dwell in your courts.

**We shall be filled with the blessings of your house,
your holy temple.**

With awesome deeds you answer our prayers for deliverance,
O God our saviour -

**you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the far-off seas.**

By your strength you make fast the mountains,
and gird yourself round with power.

You still the raging of the seas,

and the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the peoples.
Those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are awed
by your wonders;
the gateways of both morning and evening
shout for joy.

Refrain -

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

You visit the earth and water it,
you make it very fruitful.
The waters of heaven brim over their banks,
providing us with grain,
for so you have prepared the land,
drenching its furrows, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass,
and the hills are girded with joy.
The fields are clothed with sheep;
the valleys are decked with wheat,
so that they shout and sing for joy.

Refrain -

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated

himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Hymn 227 "For The Fruit Of All Creation"

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Reflection - Whom do You Include in Thanksgiving?

Hymn 518 "As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought"

As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labour, love, and give;

to make our life an offering to God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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

Invitation to Offering

This Thanksgiving comes during a complicated time. We celebrate the gifts of God's good earth which sustain us, as well as the labour of those who have kept us supplied with these gifts throughout many difficult months. Some in our community have lost much; others are grateful for sustaining gifts like friendship more than ever now.

Today we bring what we can share, offered so that the ministry and mission of Christ's church can thrive in the challenging days ahead, grateful that God goes with us, whatever we face.

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

Gracious God, we present our gifts to you as tokens of our thanksgiving for all we have received from your hand. Bless these gifts and multiply them. Use our gifts and our energy to share your love in our community and around your world, for the sake of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Meditation "The Angelus" (Young)

Prayers of the People

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

For the world,
for the wonders of earth, sea and sky;
for beauty in nature and wildlife;
for the rhythm of the days and seasons;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

For waters that refresh and sustain life;
for soil that is fertile and rich;
for those who tend crops and care for harvests;
for those who produce, deliver and market our food
for those working tirelessly during the pandemic;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

For days to work and strength to do it;
for the various gifts and talents you give;
for challenges met during months of pandemic;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

For human life;
for talking and thinking together, working on problems and plans;
for burdens and joys shared;
for relationships that give life meaning,
whether enjoyed face to face or at a distance;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

For our circle of family and friends;
for children and their curiosity and joy;
for the insight that comes with patience and experience;
for memories shared and cherished;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

For your care and grace in times of anxiety, doubt and grief;
for healing in times of illness, confusion, and distress;
for rejuvenating strength and vision in times of renewal;
for scientific knowledge and discovery
to confront disease and improve health;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

For the trust we have that you hear us and know every need;

that you love and care for each soul and body;
and that you walk with us through all our days and seasons;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

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 -

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 226 "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of
light,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and
mild,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime to our race so freely given;
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Benediction

Go from this place

with thankful hearts and joyful senses,

and let us continue to share earth's gifts—abundantly!

Choral Amen

Postlude "Jesus Shall Reign"