

Matthew 22: 20

"Whose head is this, and whose title?"

Theme

Understanding our Circumstance



Welcome and Announcements

We Welcome All

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.
- Worship Services are broadcast on COGECO and are available on Trinity’s Web Page and FaceBook

Congregational Notes -

- UCW Sunday is coming up, 25 October. Linda Stronski has a **Huge** bowl with the beginnings of a coin collection in it. It is for a special offering on UCW Sunday. **Fellowship of the Least Coin** -
 - The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation.

Christian women around the world meet and pray with each other. Through this, they are reminded to live a forgiving life with others. "Least coins" are given with each prayer, yet the movement is focused on prayer and reconciliation rather than money. Anyone who wishes to join makes a commitment to spend time in prayer whenever she has a strained relationship with another person, and to uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence and injustice.

- If you would like to return your geranium pots, you may leave them at the church on Sunday, Tuesday or Saturday. A box for collecting them will be available.
- 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 though 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. This is a wonderful Ministry. When the lunch is dropped off, it is common to have a quick catch up even while we observe COVID safety guidance.**
- Call Cynthia Sirett or Betty Lou for details
- 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
- 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 6 feet 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 835 "Praise To The Lord"

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.

Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.

From the rising up of the sun

May the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

There is none like our God in the heavens or on earth,

Who lifts the poor from the dust seating them with the mighty,

Who stoops to raise the weak and low:

May the Lord be praise, praise to the name of the Lord!

Call to Worship

God knows us by name, and calls us to follow.

The presence of the Lord is with us as we venture out.

Just as Moses was led by God's goodness, so are we guided.

God's ways are sure and lead the faithful to righteousness.

Together let us seek God's leading in Word and in prayer.

Let us worship God together!

Prayer of Gathering

Holy God,

The mystery of your presence stretches far beyond us,

yet we know you draw near to us in Christ,

walking beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with
boundless grace.

Your Spirit encourages us as we follow Christ

and gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you.

Holy God,

We are glad to gather in your presence,

to be embraced by your mystery and your mercy.

Amen.

Hymn 224 "Sing A Happy Hallelujah" vs. 1,2,4

Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

Refrain -

***Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!***

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly.

Refrain -

***Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!***

Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!

Refrain -

***Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!***

Learning with Children

Childrens' Prayer

Call to Reconciliation

Sheltering God,

We need your protection and redemption in these complex days.

We come before you to confess our shortcomings, confident in your mercy.

Prayer of Confession

We confess we do need your mercy.

We forget to love as you do.

We turn from your ways.

We fail to forgive as you forgive.

We ignore your wisdom.

Hear us as, in this silence, we offer you our personal confessions:

Forgive us, God of mystery and mercy,

amend who we are and direct who you would have us be

for the sake of Jesus, our Saviour and Friend.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the good news never gets old. God knows us and loves us. It is as much and as simple as that. We are forgiven, loved and set free to start again. Thanks be to God!

Scripture Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99 (VU 819); Matthew 22:15-22

Exodus 33:12-23 NRSV

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so

that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”

He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.”

And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Psalm 99 (VU 819)

Refrain -

*You rule with justice in delight,
and faithfulness maintain.*

You reign, O God, and the peoples tremble,
you sit enthroned upon the cherubim, and the earth is quaking.

**You, O God, are great in Zion,
you are exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name:

holy are you and mighty, a ruler who delights in justice.

**You have determined what is fair,
you have done in Jacob what is just and right.**

Refrain -

*You rule with justice in delight,
and faithfulness maintain.*

Moses and Aaron were among your priests,
Miriam* among those who called on your name;
they called to you, God, and you answered.

**In the pillar of cloud you spoke to them,
they kept your teachings and the law that you gave them.**

O God, our God, you answered them;
**to them you were a forgiving God,
though you punished their offences.**

Proclaim the greatness of God
and worship on God's holy hill;
for God, our God, is the Holy One.

Refrain -

*You rule with justice in delight,
and faithfulness maintain.*

Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin

used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Hymn 260 "God, Who Gives To Life Its Goodness"

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy;
Teach us now to laugh and praise you,
Deep within your praises sing,
Till the whole creation dances
For the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who wills that chaos end;
Grant us now creative spirits,
Minds responsive to your mind,
Hearts and wills your rule extending
All our acts by Love refined.

Reflection - Living our Faith in Context

Gospel Favourite - In the Garden

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain -

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain -

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

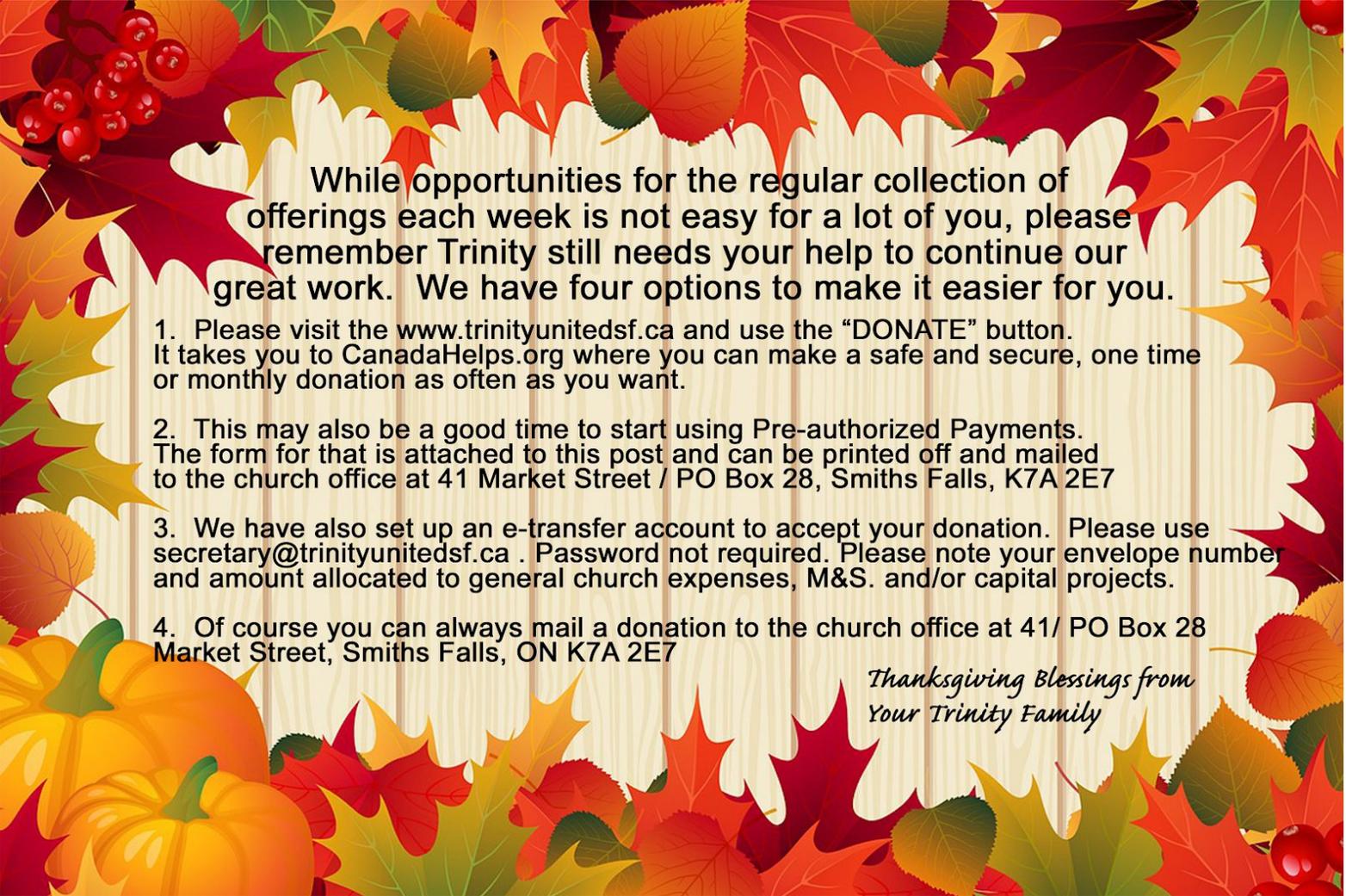
Refrain -

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

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

Invitation to Offering

Jesus reminds us to give to God the things that are God's. Our God has been so generous to us. So let us give back to God what God has shared with us, so that God's goodness can spread in the world in the name of Jesus.



While opportunities for the regular collection of offerings each week is not easy for a lot of you, please remember Trinity still needs your help to continue our great work. We have four options to make it easier for you.

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

*Thanksgiving Blessings from
Your Trinity Family*

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we bring what we have to share, the fruit of our lives, a portion of your goodness to us. Bless our gifts and our lives, so

that generosity and justice will join hands and your goodness will be shared with those in need, in Jesus' name.

Meditation "Faith Of Our Fathers" (Young)

Prayers of the People

Prayer for The Beginning of Autumn

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Prayer for the Beginning of Autumn University of Notre Dame Prayer Page

As the season continues to change and harvests are gathered,
we thank you for the beauty around us,
for brilliant colours, birds flying south, the crackle of fallen leaves, and the rhythms of this time of year.

We are grateful for your steadfast love amid so much that changes.

This autumn, we also face unpredictable changes as the pandemic continues.

Draw close to those who find the uncertainty unsettling
and help us preserve our connection to you and to each other.

We thank you for all the ways you inspire human minds to create things which improve the lives of your people.

We are grateful for all the medical efforts taken to manage COVID-19,
and for the scientists testing vaccines. Give them perseverance and success.

Guide politicians and policy makers so that breakthroughs and resources are shared with the most vulnerable.

We praise you for everyone working to build and maintain healthy communities:

for teachers and librarians, healthcare workers, coaches, construction workers, farmers and labourers, store clerks and wait staff.

So many have had their workplaces changed and their livelihoods threatened by the pandemic. Give them perseverance and encouragement.

Make us good neighbours to all who serve our community and remind us to say thank you.

We pray for all those who are struggling this autumn, whatever the reason.

We remember before you those facing illness or waiting for treatment...

those who have lost income and worry about winter expenses and shelter...

those who are grieving the loss of someone close...

and those whose mental health is under pressure these days...

Awaken your people around the world to attend to the needs of those at risk in our communities so that they will know your comfort and compassion

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 MV 30 "It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker" vs. 1,3,4

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
and by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
bumble bees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song,
and by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a chorus of all creation;
 sung by all living things.
It's a chorus of all creation;
 a song the universe sings,
and by the Spirit you and I
 can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Bill Crawford's Fiddle" by Natalie McMaster