



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - B
November 14, 2021

Key Scripture - Mark 13:4

"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"



Theme - Forest for the Trees

Welcome and Announcements

- † Newcomers please sign our guestbook
- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † Capacity limits for Sunday Worship may be lifted if a vaccine mandate is implemented. Council is considering what this may mean for Trinity and will return a decision at our next regularly scheduled meeting.
- † We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.
- † If you do not already track news and events in our larger Church Community, you may wish to [visit the United Church of Canada Website](#).
- † [E-ssentials](#) is a helpful NewsLetter you may wish to consider.
- † **The Healing Pathway Ministry** is a form of prayer which recognizes that we are all One in the Source of Life. We open to the Sacred Spirit and to allow the Healing energy of the Spirit to flow.
 - If you wish to have a conversation and / or book an individual healing session, email -
 - trinitysmithsfallshealingpathway@yahoo.com

† The United Church of Canada developed Gifts with Vision in response to member requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of the church's Mission & Service partners. There are five catalogues at the front door and we have ordered 12 more.



Trinity's United Church Women
SMITHS FALLS
Christmas Wreath Sale
Beautiful 18" Balsam

- * Decorated & comes with bow for your hanger.
 - * \$25.00 pre paid.
 - * Order by Sunday, Oct. 31
 - * Call Linda Zieman at 613-283-2728 or email trinitysffundraising@gmail.com
 - * Payment options will be discussed when you order.
 - * Pickup on 29 November, Monday afternoon.
 - * You will be notified about the time closer to the date.
(Special arrangements can be made).
- Thank you for your continued support,
especially during this pandemic.

The **Salvation Army Christmas Campaign** appreciates our help. The monies raised through the kettles help stock the Salvation Army food bank for the entire year, aid fire victims, provide hydro assistance, clothing, furniture, weekly lunches and so much more.

Our friends at the Salvation Army are requesting that this year we collect toys for the Angel Tree Program. Last year due to COVID the numbers were down on toys received and the demand for help in this area is still very high. They are also very much in need of kettle volunteers to stand by kettles for 2 hour shifts.

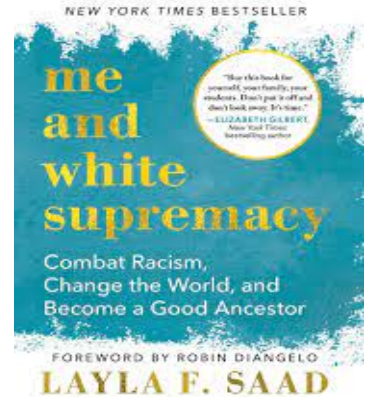
Looking Ahead

15 November, 1:00pm - The Spiritual Leadership Team is hosting a book study, **Sensible Shoes: A Story about the Spiritual Journey.**

- [Video call link](#)

15 November, 7:00pm - Me and White Supremacy:
A 28-Day Challenge to Combat Racism, Change
the World, and Become a Good Ancestor
by Layla F. Saad

- [Remote](#) and in Person (Upper Room)



17 November, 9:30am - Bible Study. **Listen Up! Bible study** -
the Gospel of Mark Part 1 - Mark 1-8

- [Video call link](#)

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Items and Donations for Interval House -

The UCW is collecting items and donations for Interval House again this year. Some suggestions:

Shampoo and conditioner
Scent free soap and body wash
Scent free deodorant
Tweezers and makeup
Hair accessories
Feminine Hygiene products
Journal
Wallet
Gum or Mints
Nice pen
Gloves and Mitts
Gift Cards – to be left with the Church Secretary

A box will be available to drop off your items in the front entrance of the church the **week of November 28th**. The door is open from 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday through Thursday.

From Interval House - *“Thank you for reaching out and planning ahead to help women who are fleeing a life of violence and abuse.”*

This Just In -

Trinity has a Craft table at the Hospital Auxiliary Bazaar held at the Settler’s Ridge Centre on 20 November, 9:00am - 1:00pm. If you would like to contribute a craft or baked Goods, please contact betty Lou Kempt at 613 291 0701

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

Interlude

MV 63 "Long Before My Journey's Start"

vs. 1

Long before my journey's start,
When in my youth I searched in my heart,
I would pray for her, wait for her,
Wisdom, my road, my goal, and my star.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

The God of Wisdom calls us to worship.

In humility, we gather to offer thanks and praise.

The God of Peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries.

In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

The God of Past, Present and Future welcomes us into this moment.

In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

Let us worship God together.

Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Lord of Light and Life,

We come with wonder and awe,
eager to praise and linger in your presence.

You are the source of all that is good and true,
the essence of love.

You bring gifts of peace and healing into troubled lives.

You show us the way to love friend and enemy alike,
to build a better world together.

In this time of worship,
inspire us to believe that our work makes a difference.
So may we live to bring you glory, now and always.

Hymn 218 "We Praise You, O God"

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of Justice and Mercy,

**You call us to take a part in our community,
loving our neighbours and serving your purposes.
We confess that this is easier said than done.**

**We judge those who serve in public life,
criticizing any who fall short of our expectations.
Yet we confess we, too, fall short.**

**Forgive us when we have been quick to criticize
and slow to support what needs to be done.**

Words of Assurance

Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. Share that forgiveness with others in his name.

Scripture Daniel 12:1-3;
 Psalm 16 (VU738);
 Hebrews 10:11-14;
 Mark 13:1-8

Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Psalm 16 (VU 738)

Refrain -

***Protect me, God:
I trust in you.***

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I have said to God, "You are my God;

from you alone comes all my prosperity."

**All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land,
and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods,
their troubles shall be multiplied.

**Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods,
nor will I take their names upon my lips.**

Refrain -

Protect me, God:

I trust in you.

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;
you yourself have cast my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed I have a noble heritage.

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;
at night also you teach my heart.

I keep you always before me;
you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Refrain -

Protect me, God:

I trust in you.

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
for my body shall also rest in safety.

**For you will not surrender me to the Grave,
nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life.

**In your presence is fullness of joy;
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

Refrain -

Protect me, God:

I trust in you.

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Meditation "Happiness" (Gesner)

Reflection Forest for the Trees

Hymn 278 "In The Quiet Curve of Evening"

In the quiet curve of evening,
 in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.

In the lapses of my breathing,
 in the space between my ways,
in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.

You are there, You are there, You are there.

In the rests between the phrases,
 in the cracks between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.

In the melting down of endings,
 in the cooling of the sun,
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.

You are there, You are there, You are there.

In the mystery of my hungers,
 in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.

In the empty cave of grieving,
 in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.

You are there, You are there, You are there.

Invitation to the Offering

God's goodness fills the world when we share what God has given us. Your gifts come from God's goodness. We pass that goodness along to others in Jesus' name.

A Minute for Mission

Offering Prayer

We bring our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless these gifts and the service we offer in Jesus' name, so that others may share in your goodness and know of the love we have witnessed in Jesus, our friend and Saviour.

Hymn MV 106 "I Am The Dream"

I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in ev'ry silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.

I am the bell and you the silence.
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.
I am the blest and you the blessing.
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.

You are the word and I the echo.
You are the leader and I am the led.
You are the joy and I the laughter.
You are the rock on which I lay my head.

Prayers of the People

God of Our Past and Our Future,
God of Healing and Hope,

We come before you with grateful hearts,
trusting that you walk with us through all the times of our lives.

We pray today for those who face danger and despair in these times:
those living with hunger,
communities struggling with the impact of drought, storms and
earthquakes, and
all those for whom the pandemic is unrelenting.

We remember people caught up in unrest and violence and
those whose lives are directed by forces beyond their control.

We pray for those
working to relieve suffering in these lives and
who work to bring justice and peace:

In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those
facing fear or frustration,
wrestling with sorrow or discouragement
who live with illness or pain
bearing chronic conditions or disability
who know the grief and change of bereavement.

We pray for those
who work to bring healing and comfort and
agencies which offer support and care.

In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those
who feel helpless or hopeless in this present time,
struggling to make ends meet or
trying to find employment;
caught up in the pain of misunderstanding or
broken relationships and
those working through situations of conflict
at home or at work.

We pray for all who
offer guidance and support in the midst of difficult
and
have skills in reconciliation or mediation.

In your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Our Past and Our Future,
God of Healing and Hope,

Help our congregation and churches everywhere
as we regroup after months of pandemic isolation
to engage each day with faithfulness and creativity.

Where we need correction, show us a new way;
where we need love and encouragement, draw near.

Whatever our challenge, stay with us on our way.

[EOORC Prayer Cycle](#)

Église Unie de Thurso

[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

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Prayer for the Side-lined, Lost and Overlooked People.

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
the insignificant, unremarkable, overlooked people of the world;
for the un-noticed and simply ordinary people;
back-water sort of people who will never make much
impact.

For them

May your kingdom come.

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
those who are lost; who have disappeared or are missing;
for the up-rooted, exiled and enslaved ;
lost-rights sort of people who will seldom be seen or heard.

For them

May your kingdom come.

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
the fearful, the terrorised and the abused people of the world;
those who are unjustly imprisoned or entrapped;
voiceless people who will hardly dare to seek help.

For them

May your kingdom come.

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
the subjugated, silenced and subdued people of the world;
for the lonely, the lacking, the faded, the frightened;
shadowy people unable to bring attention to their suffering.

For them

May your kingdom come.

Holy One, may Your Realm of Love come for

all persons with disabilities;

for the redundant and poorly educated; the timid and
un-appreciated;

struggling people who have to strive for support and
respect.

For them

May your kingdom come.

In the dynamic of your Love, may your Realm become a reality for
them all. Amen.

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And now we pray the words which Jesus gave all his followers -

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 333 "Love Divine"

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

Go as God's people.

**We will offer joy to those in misery
and remember all who have been forgotten.**

Go as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

**We will offer the best rooms of our hearts to the lonely,
to pick up those who have been knocked down.**

Go as hearts of the Spirit.

**We will share a double portion of grace and
invite others to walk the path of faith with us.**

Choral Amen

Postlude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
(arr. Smith)