

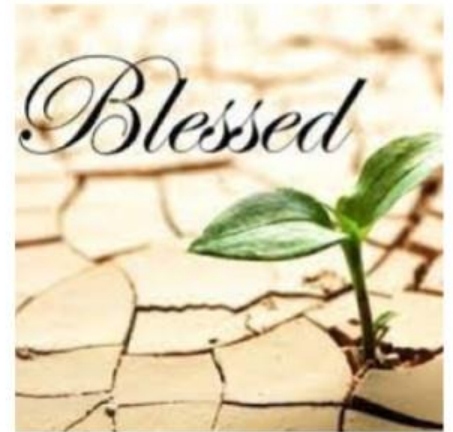


Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - C  
February 13, 2022

Key Scripture - Luke 6:20

"Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you..."

Theme - Who Are the Blessed?



## Welcome and Announcements

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

† We are open for in person worship. Our Proof of Vaccine Requirement remains but we are limited to 50% capacity. Meetings and events may resume with a capacity limit of 10 persons.

† Our building is open during the regular office hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

† We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

## Looking Ahead

**14 February, 1:00pm - Sensible Shoes: A Story about the Spiritual Journey**

**16 February, 9:30am - Bible Study.**

**22 February**, As part of National Kindness Week, Trinity will offer a Chilli Lunch for 50 people from 12:00 to 1:00 pm ...first come first served.

**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates donations, please fill our waggon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered monthly.

[Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality](#) offers numerous courses that may be of interest as you explore and deepen your faith.

### **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**      175 "This Is The Day That God Has Made"

### **Call to Worship**

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Let us make melody before our God!**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**Let us praise God's holy name together.**

How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.**

A song of praise is always fitting,

**For God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.**

## Opening Prayer

God of majesty and mystery,  
We come before you in wonder and humility.

Source of all that is,  
You are beyond our imagining, astonishing us with the detail and designs within your creation.

Word of hope and healing,  
You touch our lives with truth and tenderness,  
revealing our need and our gift.

Spirit of purpose and possibility,  
You move within us when we least expect it,  
awakening our gifts, urging us to respond.

Receive our praise and prayer this day, and prepare us to receive your Word in its wisdom and warning, for we come to you through Christ our Lord, trusting in his grace and truth.

## Hymn 356 "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and God's  
righteousness And all these things shall be added unto  
you. Hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Hallelu, hallelujah!

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Hallelu, hallelujah.

## **Time With Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of life and love,**

**At this season of the year our hearts are grateful  
for all the love which touches our lives.**

**Still we confess that we are not always shining examples of the  
love we long for.**

**Forgive us those times when we failed to keep our word  
and disappointed those who love us.**

**Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations  
and disappointed your hopes for us.**

**Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus,  
your love made flesh.**

## **Words of Assurance**

John records that God is love, and that God's perfect love casts out fear.

We are promised that those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

So claim your hope in this Good News:

God's perfect love abides in you through Jesus.

**Scripture**                      **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Psalm 1 (VU724)  
1 Corinthians 15.12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse— who can  
understand it?

I the Lord test the mind and search  
the heart, to give to all according to  
their ways, according to the fruit of  
their doings.

Psalm 1 (VU724)

*Refrain -*

*Blessed are those who follow the law of God.*

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked,  
or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those  
who mock.

**But their delight is in the law of God, and on that  
law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside streams of water,  
yielding their fruit in due season.

Their leaves do not wither, and whatever they  
produce shall prosper.

*Refrain -*

*Blessed are those who follow the law of God.*

As for the wicked, it is not so with  
them, **but they are like the chaff,  
driven away by the wind.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand  
when judgement comes,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For God watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*Refrain -*

*Blessed are those who follow the law of God.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some  
of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection

of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for  
yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that

day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you  
have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what  
their ancestors did to the false prophets. **Meditation** "Bridge Over  
Troubled Water" (Simon) **Reflection** Are You Blessed?

**Hymn** 266 "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me  
home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.  
When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun



## Invitation to the Offering

Our faith does not rely on human wisdom, but on the power of God working in us and among us. So we bring our offering, trusting that each gift has a power beyond itself, the power God gives.

Trust in the miracle of God at work in the world through the gifts we bring.

## Offering Options

2022 Donation envelopes are now available. Folks can phone the office and arrange for them to be delivered (Cynthia and I like a road trip).

Offerings can be made several ways

- E-transfers through the bank to [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)

- by mail OR by delivery to church office by prearranged time
- through Trinity website DONATE button
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## Offering Prayer

You are the Source of our lives.

From you, all loving kindness, justice and mercy flow.

Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy may flow through them, too.

And bless our lives so our words and actions show your Spirit at work in us and through us, in the name of Jesus, our friend and guide. Amen.

**Hymn** 337 "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the  
Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

**Refrain -**

*This is my story, this is my song, praising  
my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising  
my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight!

Visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight; angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**Refrain -**

*This is my story, this is my song, praising  
my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising  
my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;

I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with  
God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

**Refrain -**

*This is my story, this is my song, praising  
my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising  
my Saviour all the day long.*

**Prayers of the People**

God of mystery and mercy,

We come before you today carrying hopes and dreams,  
the burdens and blessings of our lives.

We bring all that is on our hearts and minds to  
you, seeking your comfort and strength,  
listening for your guidance, grateful that you  
hear us when we pray.

Faithful God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of life and love,

We give you thanks that you engage us whenever we need you,  
in the midst of challenge and uncertainty.

We pray today for all those who are fearful about their future,  
and for all who wrestle with challenges at work or at home.

Help us face our fears and our challenges, sure of your steadfast love

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Faithful God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of hope and healing,

In Jesus you confronted demons that trouble our minds  
and the pain and illness which can weigh us down.

We pray today for all those who are facing health concerns,  
and for all who care for the suffering and those in need of  
support.

Surround each one with your steadfast love.

Faithful God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of peace and promise, when we wrestle with any burden, your Spirit prays within us with sighs too deep for words.

Today we pray for all those whose burdens seem too heavy to bear for the victims of violence or disaster, for their friends and families

For refugees at risk in so many places in the world,  
and those making a new home in our community.

For those caught in despair and poverty in our own neighbourhoods and in the forgotten corners of your world..

Renew the strength of all facing realities beyond their control with your steadfast love -

Faithful God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and equip us to do your will

as together we pray the words 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, the  
power and the glory, for  
ever and ever.

**Amen.**

[EOORC Prayer Cycle](#)

**South Gloucester Pastoral Charge**  
South Gloucester United Church

[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

**Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**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?

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?

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.

### **Benediction**

Grounded in God's love, we are sent out **to share  
abundance with those who have little.**

Blessed with Jesus' hope, we go forth **to fill the  
emptiness of those longing for justice.**

Blessed with the Spirit's delight, we go into the world  
**to take the hands of our sisters and brother,  
and gather at the edge of living waters.**

### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude** "Tara Theme" from "Gone With The Wind" (Steiner)