



Transfiguration Sunday - C  
February 27, 2022

## Key Scripture - Luke 9:33

"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said."



Theme - You Cannot Stay Where You Are

## Welcome and Announcements

- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
  - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † We are open for in person worship.
- † 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

- 28 February** - Book Study, Two Steps Forward. [Remote Meeting](#)
- 23 February, 9:30am** - Lenten Study, Lesser Evils. [Remote Meeting](#)
- 20 March, 10:30am** - Annual Congregational Meeting

**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**      MV 18 "Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

### **Call to Worship**

Our God is mighty and merciful, ruling with kindness over all the earth;

**Let all people praise God's holy name.**

The Lord loves justice and creates equity for all God's people;

**We come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing songs of joyful praise;**

For the Christ of glory shines in this place;

**The Holy Spirit meets us here, and so we come to worship.**

### **Opening Prayer**

God of grace and God of glory,

You reveal your presence to the world  
in radiant glory and gentle whispers,  
on mountain tops and lowly plains,  
in classrooms and hospital beds,

in homes and churches,  
in the silence of nature and the sounds of cities.  
Yours is the presence that pushes past our fears,  
yours is the touch that transforms our doubts.  
We come before you to celebrate your goodness,  
to focus on your light,  
and offer you all praise, honour and thanksgiving,  
for you are our God and we are your people,  
now and always.

**Hymn** 102 "Jesus On The Mountain Peak"

Jesus on the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak,  
join the saints and angels praising.

***Hallelujah!***

Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
shout through them their joyful greeting:

***Hallelujah!***

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming, in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:

***Hallelujah!***

This is God's beloved son!

Law and prophets sing before him,  
first and last and only One.

All creation shall adore him!

*Hallelujah!*

## **Time With Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Mercy and Forgiveness,**

**Facing the light of your goodness,**

**We confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness.**

**We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need.**

**We focus on our own disappointments**

**rather than trust the future you create.**

**We feel discouraged by the pandemic**

**and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ.**

**Transfigure us by your grace,**

**and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading  
each day.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Do not be afraid. God's forgiveness shines into the world.

The morning star rises in our hearts and we are made new.

Know that you are forgiven and forgive one another in Christ's name.

### **Scripture**

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99 (VU819)

Luke 9:28-36

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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.***

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And

they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**Meditation** "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" (Gabriel)

**Reflection** Life is Not a Shrine

**Hymn** 672 "Take Time To Be Holy"

Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,  
and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
you soon shall be fitted for service above.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

God has been revealed in glory for the healing of the world. We have glimpsed that healing in the hope we share in Christ, even in these challenging times. Let us present our gifts to God so that this healing and hope will continue to spread in the world God loves.

**Offering Options** 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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### **Treasurer's Update** - January 1, 2022 to February 15, 2022

Contributions           \$ 8,367

Expenses                 \$ 31,960

### **Offering Prayer**

Gracious God, you have given us life and blessed us in Christ with new life. Bless the gifts we offer today, and bless our lives, so that others may see his grace at work in us and what we offer the world in Jesus' name.

### **Hymn**    MV 172 "God Says" (tune Tallis Canon)

God says, "Be still so you may hear  
           the words I whisper in your ear.  
 If you will listen, you will know  
           I'm with you always where you go."

God says, "Look up and see the prize  
           I've placed here right before your eyes.  
 Find beauty in the things of earth,  
           a cause for wonder and rebirth."

God says, "Come here! I need your voice.  
           Please teach my people to rejoice.  
 In who you are, in what you do,  
           your life will show my love for you."

God says, "Reach out! The world's in need  
           and wants a word, a song, a deed.

I send you forth to speak, to sing,  
to act for Christ in everything.”

## **Prayers of the People**

Revealing God,

You bless us with your presence and wisdom,  
and we marvel at the wonders of your love.

You created a beautiful world that reveals your majesty.

You sent your Son to show us how to live with compassion.

Your Holy Spirit guides us on our way.

Thank you for opening our eyes to your presence each day.

Help us to recognize you not only in mountaintop experiences,  
but also in everyday tasks and in times of great challenge.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

Much in this world needs the transformation only you can provide.

Where there is violence, bring calm;

where there is poverty, send sustenance;

where there is confusion, bring wisdom;

where there is chaos, create order;

where minds and hearts are troubled, bring comfort;

where pain is crippling, grant release.

Move the hearts of the rich to share with those in need;

and call the powerful to act with justice for those at risk.

Give us all the will to work for the wellbeing of the earth

and to live with respect for the fragile balances within your  
creation.

Hear us now in this time of silence

as we raise to you the names and situations on our hearts this day:

Hear the cries of all who suffer and bring each one hope of new life with you.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God,

We pray for your church around the world  
and for our congregation.

Give your people the energy to shine  
wherever there is persecution, despair or discouragement.

Bless each congregation with wisdom and vision,  
as we face the changes in the world caused by the pandemic.

Renew our imagination and commitment  
to develop new forms of ministry and mission for the days  
ahead.

Gather us as a people again after months of distancing,  
and inspire us with greater delight in your mystery,  
and greater joy in seeking your presence.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We ask all these things through Jesus,  
who revealed your will to us through your revolutionary love,  
and taught us to pray these words together -

**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](#)

**Rideau Park Pastoral Charge**  
Rideau Park United Church

[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

**Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

## Hymn 264 "Immortal, Invisible"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## Benediction

Go as heralds of the justice of God.

**we will offer the hope of the One who cares for all.**

Go as those who have been with Jesus on the mountaintop of wonder,  
**to serve others in the valleys of life.**

With words of life on our lips, with the wonder of laughter in our hearts,  
**we will follow Jesus to all who seek healing and love.**

Go as those who offer the Spirit's peace

we will bring reconciliation to those who are strangers to hope.

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      "Be Thou With Me" (Bach)