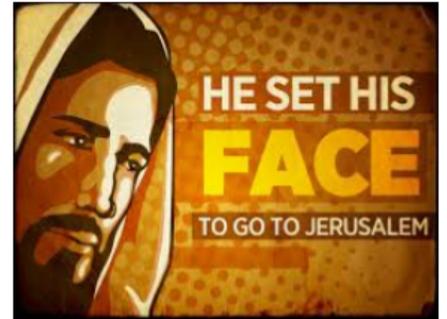


Key Scripture - Luke 13:33

Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'



Theme - Facing Jerusalem

Welcome and Announcements

- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † We are open for in person worship.
- † Our Hymn Books and Pew Bibles are back in place
 - We have hand-sanitizer for folk to use before and after handling common use resources.
- † Our building is open during the regular office hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Looking Ahead

13 March - Lanark Drum Circle, 2nd Sunday of the Month, 1:00 - 3:30 pm Gym of Trinity United, Smiths Falls

14 March - Book Study, Two Steps Forward. [Remote Meeting](#)

16 March, 9:30am - Lenten Study, Lesser Evils. [Remote Meeting](#)

14 March, 6:00pm - National Affirming/PIE Day in the Fellowship Hall. National Affirming PIE Day is a simple way to celebrate our

becoming an Affirming Congregation.

As the name suggests, it is a pie potluck. We are invited to serve up some pie and roll out the PIE in our ministries and communities! This is our chance to celebrate and honour the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in faith communities and beyond, with everyone across Canada!



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 318 "Christ Be With Me" (St . Patrick)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation:
Of whom shall we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life:
We will wait for the Lord in faithfulness.

Let us seek the Lord's face in this time of worship:
We will honour God's presence in our prayers and our praises!

Opening Prayer

God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading:
When life feels chaotic, you are peace.
When messages are confusing, your word is truth.
When we are exposed to fear and anxiety, your presence is freedom.
When we feel bereft and helpless, your love gives us hope.

You are the Source of all that matters.
We bring you our prayers and our praise this day,
for you reveal yourself to us in the goodness of creation,
in the love and mercy of Christ, your beloved,
and through the energy and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

We worship you,
ever Three and ever One, world without end. Amen.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray -

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world.

Amen.

Hymn 671 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.

Refrain -

***I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.***

I need thee every hour;
stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh.

Refrain -

*I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain.

Refrain -

*I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises
in me fulfil.

Refrain -

*I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion,

We are creatures who seek our own comfort.

We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes.

We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first.

Forgive our fleeting commitment

and the times we have indulged our own complaints.

Have mercy on us.

Inspire us with the energy to do your will

and serve our neighbours

in the example of Christ,

your Son and our Saviour.

Words of Assurance

Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have all sinned,

it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love poured out in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven

Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Scripture

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27 (VU754)

Philippians 3: 17- 4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Psalm 27 (VU754)

Refrain -

*God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.*

God is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?

**God is the stronghold of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When the wicked close in to devour me,

it is they, my enemies and my foes, who stumble and fall.

If an army should encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid;

**if war should arise against me,
even then I will not be dismayed.**

Refrain -

*God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.*

One thing I have asked of God, for which I long:

that I may dwell in God's house all the days of my life,

**to gaze on your beauty, O God,
and to seek you in your temple.**

For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter;

**you will hide me under the cover of your tent,
you will set me high upon a rock.**

And now you have raised my head
above my enemies round about me.

**Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
a sacrifice with great gladness.**

Refrain -

*God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.*

Hear my voice, O God, when I call;
have mercy and answer me.

Your face, O God, I seek.

**Do not hide your face from me;
do not reject your servant in anger,
you who have been my helper.**

Do not cast me off, or forsake me, O God my saviour.

**Though my father and mother forsake me,
my God will take me up.**

Refrain -

*God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.*

Teach me your way, O God,
**lead me on a level path,
safe from those who lie in wait for me.**

Do not give me up to the will of my enemies,
for liars and false witnesses arise against me.

I believe that I shall see God's goodness
in the land of the living.

**Wait for God; be strong, and take courage;
yes, wait for God!**

Refrain -

*God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.*

Philippians 3: 17- 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Meditation "Let Me Fish Off Cape St. Mary's" (Kelland)

Reflection Facing Jerusalem

Hymn 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Invitation to the Offering

Our lives overflow with good gifts which come from God.

Out of the goodness we enjoy,
let us present our offering to God with thankfulness and generosity.

Offering Options Offerings can be made several ways -

- E-transfers through the bank to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- by mail OR by delivery to church office by prearranged time
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Offering Prayer

Living God, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude.

Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness enjoyed by those in need.

Bless our lives that, through our relationships,
others will be touched by the hope we know in Christ Jesus
and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. **Amen.**

Hymn 135 "Beneath The Cross of Jesus" (St. Christopher)

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus
my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears
two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love,
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.

Prayers of the People

God of strength and comfort,
in the quiet calm of your presence,
we pause in the whirlwind of concerns around us,
and set aside our own interests and distractions
to pray for the world you love.

Today we remember before you -

All people in their daily life and work...
our families, friends and neighbours,
those we work with,
and those whose faces we recognize regularly but do not know.

Be with all who find these times stressful or exhausting -

We this congregation,
our Regional Council, and congregations of other traditions near
us,
as well as those who serve in church leadership and all who
nurture faith in others.

Help us support each other and look to the future with hope.

We pray for this community, our country, and governments
throughout the world,
as well as all those who work for justice, freedom and peace.

We hold the people of Ukraine in our hearts
and all those who suffer the ravages of war and civil strife.

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

Send your Spirit, the Advocate, to speak for the voiceless and
challenge injustice.

We pray for victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression,
for all who struggle to rebuild their communities
after natural disaster and the effects of the pandemic,
and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of
trouble.

Bring them comfort and courage, and the support of their neighbours.

We pray for those people and situations on our hearts and minds this day -

Hear us as we pray in the words that 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](#)

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[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

**Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway,
Sweden**

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 273 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (St. Columba)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Benediction

Today, tomorrow, and the next day, go with God:

we will take the Word of grace into our world.

Today, tomorrow, and the next days, go with Jesus:

we will shelter those who have nowhere else to go.

Today, tomorrow, and all the days to come, go with the Spirit:

we will gather the forsaken into our hearts.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Squid Jiggin' Ground"