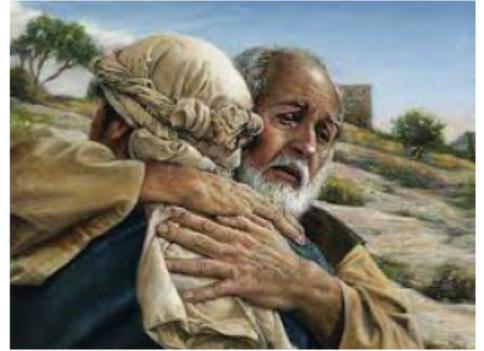


## Key Scripture - Luke 1:19

I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."



Theme - From Son to Servant

## Welcome and Announcements

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

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

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

**Ukrainian Fundraiser** - The Outreach and Social Justice Team is planning a Soup and Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 26th from 11:00 am -1:00 pm in support of Ukraine and would welcome volunteers to help.

The plan is to get donations from restaurants and businesses. We will

need people to visit the business and ask for a donation. This is not something that a lot of people enjoy, but the cause is so great. We will also make a poster as an introduction to what we are planning and a list of things we will need so it will be easier.

On the day of the lunch, April 26th, we will need LOTS of help serving, taking donations, cleaning up, etc etc. More to come on that later.

If you know someone who would like to participate in this fundraiser for Ukraine but they are not on the Outreach team, please let them know to contact me by email or at 613-485-6876 by phone or text.

Thanks a lot everyone  
Chris Dickson

**Seniors' Luncheon** - The Christian Community Team is in the early stages of planning a Reunion Luncheon on Wednesday, 15 June 2022. We hope to accommodate up to 50 Folk with a light meal, entertainment, Worship and Fellowship.

The intent is to create a time and setting in which Folk who may live apart from their Friends and Community due to a move to a Retirement Residence or are limited due to increased healthcare requirements.

We anticipate that we will require assistance in Setting up before, Cleaning after. We will also require Drivers, Servers and Chatters.

Cynthia Sirett is the Faithful Force behind this and she would most certainly appreciate your support.

**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 21 "Open Our Hearts"

Open our hearts, open our minds.  
    Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts, open our minds.  
    Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.

## **Call to Worship**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

**Thanks be to God for such great mercy.**

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**Thanks be to God for new beginnings!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation through Christ Jesus.

**Together we will make a new beginning in Christ!**

Let us worship God with joyful hearts, trusting God to renew us and all things.

**We will lift our praises to God with hearts refreshed by grace.**

## **Opening Prayer**

God of Mystery and Mercy,

We gather to worship you in humility and hope

You have the power to change the world for the better with your love.

We gather to worship you  
trusting that no one or situation is beyond your concern,  
or your embrace.

Such love astonishes us.

Without your grace we cannot imagine such love.

Inspire us with a vision of love  
which will change the world and our lives  
through the love and mercy we meet in Jesus,  
your Son and our Saviour.

### **Lenten Candle Liturgy**

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge those who lack basic needs - food, shelter, education, healthcare, peace, or love.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray -

**Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling.**

**Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise - that you are working with us in our lives. Amen.**

**Hymn 409 "Morning Has Broken"**

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

## **Time With Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of love and mercy,**

**We pause for a moment in your presence,  
the daily details of our lives press in on us.**

**We recall things left undone, opportunities ignored.**

**We remember careless words spoken,  
disappointments that trouble our souls.**

**In silence we offer to you our misspent moments and missed opportunities -**

### **Words of Assurance**

Remember the promise that Paul declares -

What can separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress?  
Peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us.

Neither death nor life, things present nor things to come can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God for such a promise!

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

**Scripture**                Joshua 5:9-12  
                                  Psalm 32 (VU759)  
                                  2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
                                  Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32 (VU759)

***Refrain -***

***Be glad in God you righteous.  
Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.***

Blessed are those whose offences are forgiven,  
whose sin has been put away.

**Blessed are those to whom God imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*Refrain -*

*Be glad in God you righteous.*

*Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.*

When I kept silence, my body wasted away,  
while I groaned all the day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my strength dried up as in a summer drought.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I did not hide.

**I said: "I will confess my sins to God";  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you in time of trouble;  
**when great floodwater rises, it shall not come near them.**

You are a hiding place for me,  
you will preserve me from trouble;  
**you will surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

*Refrain -*

*Be glad in God you righteous.*

*Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.*

I will teach you, and guide you in the way you should go.

**I will keep you under my eye and instruct you.**

Be not like a horse or mule, without understanding,  
**whose course must be checked with bit and bridle.**

Many pains are in store for the wicked,  
**but whoever trusts in God,  
is surrounded by steadfast love.**

*Refrain -*

*Be glad in God you righteous.  
Rejoice, O saints, rejoice.*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the

citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

**Meditation** "He Shall Feed His Flock" (Handel)

**Reflection**    Happy to See You

**Hymn**    "Two Sons" (How Could I Be So Misguided?)

*The Younger Son*

How could I be so misguided,  
    wand'ring from a loving home?  
My adventures leave me hollow;  
    I am ready to atone.

Fleeting was my friends' excitement.  
    How I long for steadfast care!  
I'll go back to where I came from,  
    seek a humble living there.

Near to home my father hails me  
    with a great smile on his face.  
And, released from anxious worry,  
    wraps me in a huge embrace.

He restores my former status,  
    gives me shoes and robe and seal.  
Glad to have his children with him,  
    he commands a lavish meal.

*The Older Son*

How can I be so mistaken,  
    distant from my father's ways,  
jealous of my brother's favour,  
    hungry for my father's praise.

Outside by my own volition,  
here I linger in the night.  
Though I've known steadfast affection,  
still I crave for his delight.

Incomplete, my father seeks me,  
sees the hurt upon my face,  
shares his yearning for reunion,  
reassures me of my place.

He rejoins the festive party  
but he's lacking still one boy.  
I will venture in and join them.  
I'll complete my father's joy.

*Gordon Wray, Kitchener, Ontario*

**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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### **Offering Prayer**

We place these gifts into your hands, O God.

Bless them with your transforming grace  
so that they may become seeds springing up with new life in the  
world you love.

Fill our hearts with that same grace so we can bring hope  
to weary and worried lives in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn** "Love Lifted Me"

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,  
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

**Refrain**

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me!*

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling  
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing,  
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs,  
Faithful, loving service too, to Him belongs.

**Refrain**

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me!*

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves,  
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

**Refrain**

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help*

*Love lifted me!*

## **Invitation to the Offering**

Paul declared that in Christ there is a new creation.

Everything has become new!

What new things can God do with the gifts we offer today?

With expectant hearts, let us place in God's hands what we have to offer.

## **Prayers of the People**

Gracious God,

You have called us together as your people,  
to be the church of Jesus.

Make us one in faith and discipleship,  
breaking bread together, and telling the good news,  
so that the world may believe you are love,  
turn to your ways, and live in the light of your truth.

Faithful God,

**Embrace us with your hope.**

Creator God,

You made all things and called them good.

We pray for the earth in its vulnerability,  
depleted by our lifestyle choices and our economic expectations.

Inspire reverence for the earth in all people.

Guide us all to make wiser choices for the sake of your creation.

Help us use resources wisely, with future generations in mind,  
guarding the fragile balances you have set between many  
precious species.

Faithful God,  
**Embrace us with your hope.**

Jesus, Prince of peace,  
You taught us of God's reconciling grace  
in the story of a father who welcomed back his wandering son  
and invited his jealous son to open his heart.  
Speak to the hearts of all your people  
in this time when so many neighbours and nations sit in  
judgement on each other,  
provoking conflict and resentment.

Teach us how to seek peace on earth together.  
Call those in positions of power and influence to work for the  
common good.

Turn us away from anger, fear,  
violence or vanity,  
which can turn neighbour against neighbour and nation  
against nation.

May all who claim your name be known as makers of the peace.

Faithful God,  
**Embrace us with your hope.**

Holy Spirit, healer of hearts and hopes,  
You desire health and wholeness for each one of us:

We pray that those who have lost their livelihoods in this pandemic

may find true abundance.

Grant rest and renewal to those who are broken in body, mind or spirit,

and bring comfort and hope to all who face loss and loneliness.

In silence we lift before you the names of those on our hearts today:

Faithful God,

**Embrace us with your hope.**

Spirit of power and promise, embrace us with hope this day

so that we may live faithfully,

encouraging each other by the commitment we see in Jesus

who taught us to pray 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](#)

**Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn** "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

## **Benediction**

God sends us forth,

**to be reconcilers of the broken and oppressed.**

Jesus, our Brother, sends us to welcome everyone.

**We will embrace the prodigals with joy,**

**we will make a feast for all of God's people.**

The Spirit sends us with arms full of healing.

**We will go to bring hope to all we meet.**

## **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      "Song of the Mira" (MacGillivray)