

If you forgive the sins of any,  
they are forgiven them; if you  
retain the sins of any, they are  
retained."

*John 20:23*



## Welcome and Announcements

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- We also welcome today, Calvin Neufeld
  - Calvin Neufeld is a social justice advocate, trans man, writer and educator with a passion for human rights, animal rights, and the environment. Since 2011, Calvin has been a popular speaker to schools and community groups throughout Ontario and Quebec.
  - In 2021, Calvin was the federal Green Party Candidate for the riding of Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston.
  - In 2016, Calvin founded Evolve Our Prison Farms, a coalition of activists and academics advocating the transition of Canada’s new prison farms away from commercial-industrial operations toward a non-profit therapeutic model of green agriculture.

† 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.

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## **Looking Ahead**

**24 April**, 1:00pm - Drum Circle, Gym

**25 April**, 1:00pm Book Study, Two Steps Forward

**27 April**, 9:30am - Bible Study.

**27 April**, 12:30pm - Healing Pathway

**28 April**, 7:00pm - Council

## **Services Upcoming**

1 May - Anniversary Sunday: Battle of the Atlantic Sunday

Transfer of membership,

Dedication & Installation - UCW,

Covenanting & Installation of Council

8 May - Mother's Day / Christian Family Sunday

**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.

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

Community Wide

# Ukrainian Relief Fundraising Lunch

Tuesday April 26th 11am - 1pm

Soups, Sandwiches, Drinks, Desserts  
Eat-in or Take-out

Cost is a suggested minimum donation of \$10.  
ALL proceeds to the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis

Trinity United Church  
44 Market St, Smiths Falls  
613-283-4444

If you are interested in ordering **Geraniums** this year, please call the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday. This year the cost will be \$12 for a package of 4 plants and you can mix and match the colours you want. The colours are red, white, pink, orange and salmon. Availability of some colours may be limited. We suggest getting your orders in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. For those who have a confirmed order, pick up will be on Saturday, May 28th, 2022 between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

**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.

We are having a **Mega Yard Sale on June 25th.**

Donations may be brought in now. Please drop off to the stage downstairs during office Hours.

If you need a pick up, call

Joanne at 613 283 7565 or

Linda at 613 283 2728

Please no clothing, large items or hardcover *Readers' Digest* books.

More info to follow!!

**Lanark County Interval House** – We are packing a parcel for Interval House again this year. Unopened personal items and small gifts for women and children would be appreciated. Please consider regular fragrance free items. Donations may be left in the box provided at the front entrance. You may also purchase or donate gift cards. Gift Cards should be given to Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter, and not left in the donation box. Gift cards should be placed in an envelope with your name and address clearly displayed and a charitable receipt will be issued or mailed to you.

Tree Canopy Zoom Presentation - 27 April



***REAL's Journey To Sustainability Committee Brings to you a presentation:***

**Karl Grenke, Senior Planner, Smiths Falls, will provide an overview of the Town's new Tree Canopy Preservation and Vegetation Enhancement Policy and what it means to Smiths Falls residents and climate change.**

**Come listen to a great speaker and friend to the environment.**

Zoom Presentation will be on April 27, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Please register following the attached link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkf--qpj0iE9X9vi2nDILvxL9SbcJlceFK>

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

**Interlude**      289 "It Only Takes A Spark"

*(Lighting of Christ Candle)*

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:

*That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it:  
You spread God's love to everyone,  
You want to pass it on.*

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;

*That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it:  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
You want to pass it on.*

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found –  
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;

I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

**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

## Call to Worship

In life, in death, and in life beyond death,  
**Jesus appears.**

In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,  
**Jesus appears.**

To the poor and broken, to the sinner and the sinned against,  
**Jesus appears.**

In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,  
**Jesus appears, and so we gather to worship in his name.**

## Opening Prayer

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow,  
We rejoice in this new day you have made.  
We praise you for the abundant life with which you bless us,  
and for all the beauty that surrounds us  
as spring takes hold again.  
We praise you for your Son Jesus,  
and the power of new life promised in his resurrection.  
We praise you for your Spirit at work in human history,  
to restore and redeem our hope with that power of new life.

God of steadfast love,  
We worship you with the Spirit and the Son,  
and claim your gift of new life,  
even in the face of any doubt or danger within the world  
you love.

All praise, honour and glory be yours,  
now and evermore. Amen.

**Hymn** "I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,  
And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

I've got the peace that passeth understanding,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
I've got the peace that passeth understanding,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,  
And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
Down in my heart,

Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,  
And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

For there is therefore now no condemnation,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
For there is therefore now no condemnation,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,  
And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

**Time With Children**

**Children's Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of might and mercy,  
in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power  
to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.**

**In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always.**

**Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises.  
We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives.**

**Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace.**

**Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness  
and your steadfast love for us.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus, we are forgiven and set free from sin and sorrow.

In Jesus, God offers us the gift of peace.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts this day.

**Scripture**                      Psalm 150 (VU 874)  
    John 20:19-31

Psalm 150 (VU 874)

***Refrain -***

***Praise to the Lord, hallelujah!***

***Everybody praise the Lord.***

Praise God in the holy temple!

**Praise God for mighty deeds!**

Praise God for bountiful mercies,

**Praise God who meets all our needs!**

*Refrain -*

*Praise to the Lord, hallelujah!  
Everybody praise the Lord.*

Praise God with sound of trumpet!

**Praise God with lute and harp!**

Praise God with timbrel and dancing!

**Praise God wherever you are!**

*Refrain -*

*Praise to the Lord, hallelujah!  
Everybody praise the Lord.*

Praise God with holy cymbals!

**Praise God with strings and with pipes!**

Praise God with clash of cymbals!

**Praise God with all your might!**

*Refrain -*

*Praise to the Lord, hallelujah!  
Everybody praise the Lord.*

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Meditation** “The River Meets The Sea” (Harbridge)

**Reflection** Calvin Neufeld

**Anthem** "For Everyone Born, A Place At The Table" vss 1,4,5

### **Invitation to the Offering**

In this season of Easter, we celebrate God’s gift to us in Jesus dying and rising. As we present our offering today, let us give with thankful hearts, trusting that God can do amazing things through the gifts we offer in Jesus’ name.

**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
- PAR

Would the person who has Envelope #1032 call the office next week as there is a need for clarification.

### **Offering Prayer**

Generous God,

Along with our gifts we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love. Bless these gifts and the ministry of our congregation; and bless the mission we undertake.

May what we offer spread the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus.

Amen

### **Hymn 307 "Touch The Earth Lightly"**

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,  
Nourish the life of the world in our care:  
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,  
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,  
Agents of death for all creatures that live,  
We who would foster clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,  
Water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,  
Regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,  
Using us gently and making us one.

### **Prayers of the People**

We give thanks to you, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you for the ways you provide for our needs -  
for air and water, for food and shelter, for work to do and rest to  
sustain us.

We pray for your creation, at risk because of the choices we make.

Help us care for the earth and all its creatures and relationships.  
Show us how to cherish the gifts you have given  
and protect them for future generations.

We give thanks to you, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you for family:  
the families we were born or adopted into,  
the families we married into,  
and other families who welcomed us into their midst  
as friends and neighbours.

We pray for those who have lost family members and relationships,  
and for any who know abuse and pain within the family circle.

We also thank you for friendship:

for friends who have supported us through months of pandemic  
restrictions

and for those who bring us joy and wise counsel.

Help us extend the gift of friendship

to those who are experiencing isolation, loneliness or grief.

We give thanks to you, for you are good,

**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you for the peace and freedom we enjoy.

We pray for those who know neither freedom nor peace:

those living under oppressive regimes or in conflict zones,  
and those who have fled their homelands, in search of safety.

Give us courage to stand up for people who cannot stand up for  
themselves,

so that they too will know peace and freedom.

We give thanks to you, for you are good,

**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you for your Church,

for our congregation

and for all who volunteer time, talent and energy

to the work we undertake in Jesus' name.

By your Spirit, guide us and inspire us with new insight into mission and ministry.

We pray for other churches in our community and in our Region,  
and the sense of mission that guides each one into service.

### EOORC Prayer Cycle

Cassburn Pastoral Charge

Fill us with a deeper sense of unity  
so that we can model relationships that transcend differences  
in this divided world.

We give thanks to you, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Thank you for the gift of your Son,  
whose resurrection empowers us to look to the future with hope.  
Thank you for the gift of your Spirit  
who draws us into unity with you and one another,  
as together we offer the prayer 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](#)

Cassburn Pastoral Charge

### [The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

## **We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn** He's Got The Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world  
In his hands  
He's got the whole wide world  
In his hands  
He's got the whole world  
In his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby  
In his hands.  
He's got the tiny little baby  
In his hands.  
He's got the tiny little baby  
In his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me brother

In his hands

He's got you and me, sister

In his hands

He's got everybody here

In his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.

## **Benediction**

God sends us forth with songs of joy in our hearts.

**We will sing of wonder to all.**

Jesus calls us to step out of our fears into lives of witness.

**We will breathe peace into all.**

The Spirit teaches us grace.

**We will take our sisters and brothers by the hand  
to the streets of the kingdom.**

## **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      MV 30 "It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker"

It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.

It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the gray whale sings in the sea,

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver  
when waves and waterfalls roar.

It's a call of life to the Giver  
when high tides break on the shore,  
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum along.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover,  
the summer breeze joins the song,  
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things.

It's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings,  
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.