



Fifth Sunday in Lent - C
April 3, 2022
Farmers' Sunday

Key Scripture - Isaiah 43:20b

I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people...



Theme - Food From the Desert

Welcome and Announcements

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- We are pleased and grateful this morning to welcome Arlene Hunter to the Piano Bench
- We are privileged to honour Farmers and Farm Families this morning and thank God for those who Toil, Till and Tend to ensure an abundance at our tables.
- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

† 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

4 April, 1:00pm - Book Study, Two Steps Forward. [Remote Meeting](#)

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

8 April, 6:00pm - Rainbow 101

10 April, 9:00am - Early Communion

10 April, 10:30am - Palm Sunday, Communion
12 April, 2:00pm - Spiritual Leadership
13 April, 12:30pm - Healing Pathway
14 April, 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday, Seder Supper
15 April, 10:30am - Good Friday, Tenebrae Service
17 April, 7:00am - Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service, Communion
17 April, 8:00am - Easter Sunday, Sunrise Breakfast
17 April, 10:30am - Easter Sunday

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
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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.

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!!

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations, please fill our wagon 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

Farmer's Introit - Farmer's Song, Murray McLauchlan

Straw hats and old dirty hankies

Mopin' a face like a shoe

Thanks for the meal here's a song that is real

From a kid from the city to you

Dusty old farmer out working your fields

Hanging down over your tractor wheels

The sun beatin' down turns the red pain to orange

And rusty old patches of steel

There's no farmer songs on that car radio

Just cowboys, truck drivers and pain

Well this is my way to say thanks for the meal

And I hope there's no shortage of rain

Straw hats and old dirty hankies

*Mopin' a face like a shoe
Thanks for the meal here's a song that is real
From a kid from the city to you*

Call to Worship

God says to us: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers flow in the desert.

The LORD does great things for us, and we rejoice.

God says to us: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

The LORD does great things for us, and we rejoice.

God says to us: I am about to do a new thing.

**The LORD does great things for us,
and so we worship God with songs of joy and prayers of
thanksgiving.**

Opening Prayer

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life,

We come to you today with grateful hearts,
cheered by the return of spring,

days lengthening, the sun's warmth growing stronger.

We praise you for your creation and its reliable rhythms.

By the power of your Spirit, lighten our hearts in this time of
worship,

and help us brighten the lives we touch this week in Jesus'
name.

And so we praise you,

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life,
and offer you all glory and honour,

this day and every day, now and evermore.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of war and oppression in the world.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray -

Loving God, we open our hearts to you. We invite you into our innermost being, only to find you already there. Strengthen us in our quiet places and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.

Hymn 226 "For The Beauty of The Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of
light,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and
mild,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime to your Church so freely given;
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Dear God,

We gather in your name today,

aware that you keep moving closer and closer to the cross.

We confess it is not easy to follow your story.

Your willingness to give yourself inspired some to give of themselves,

while others hesitated or criticized.

We struggle to decide what to give, whom to help.

We can be critical of those in need and those who help them.

**Forgive us when we excuse ourselves from acting generously,
as you did.**

Words of Assurance

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ –

And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126 (VU850)

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126 (VU850)

Refrain -

*We praise the One who gave the growth,
with voices full and strong.*

When God brought Zion's captives home,
it seemed to us like a dream.

**But then our mouths were full of laughter,
And our tongues uttered shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations:

“God has done great things for them.”

**Truly God has done great things for us,
And therefore we rejoice.**

Refrain -

***We praise the One who gave the growth,
with voices full and strong.***

Restore our fortunes, O God, as streams refresh the Negev.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed for sowing,

**Shall come home with songs of joy,
bringing in their sheaves.**

Refrain -

***We praise the One who gave the growth,
with voices full and strong.***

Meditation "Sheep May Safely Graze" (Bach)

Reflection Gardens in the Desert

For Farm Families

God our creator,

We ask you to bless the lives of our Farm Families.

We pray for all who live on the land,

for all who till the soil,

for all tend livestock,

for all who shield us from hunger.

May your blessing rest upon our Farm Families. May they live together in your peace.

Bless houses and farms and farming communities.

Give

**good health,
purity of spirit,
strength and humility,
hospitality,
a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of
our need to seek you in all things.**

We pray in the name of Jesus our Redeemer, Healer and Hope.

Amen.

Hymn 300 "God Whose Farm is All Creation"

God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that all may live.

Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripening into fruit and grain.

All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care,
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.

Invitation to the Offering

At the dinner party for Jesus in Bethany, Mary anointed Christ with expensive perfume, pouring out her love and devotion. Jesus accepted Mary's gift gladly and graciously.

Trust that Jesus will never reject our gifts, offered with love and devotion, so let us present our offering with glad and generous hearts.

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

Gracious God, even as Mary poured out her love for Jesus, he was preparing to pour out his life on the cross for her and for us all.

We are grateful for such love, given and received, then given again.

Accept the gifts we bring and anoint them with your Spirit

so that they will flow into the world, refreshing others with your mercy and love.

Hymn 307 "Touch The Earth Lightly" vs. 1, 3 and 4

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.

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.

A Farmer's Creed - Hugh Hunter

I believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honourable way a person can spend their days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free; the splendour of a sunrise, the rapture of wide-open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children growing tall in the sun, your whole family feeling the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honour that does not come to all.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for others, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a person grows old and sums up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they've lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected
all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire
works of compassion and mercy among those to whom
much has been given.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the farmers with limited or marginal land
throughout the world,
for those who lack access to water and other resources,
and for the light of research and support services to shine in
the lives of all God's people.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease
throughout the world, particularly those exacerbated
by lack of nutritious food and outright hunger; that plagues
of death may no longer fuel poverty,
destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and
restoration throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for an end to the waste and
desecration of God's creation,
for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally
Among all people,
and for communities and nations to find sustenance
in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all nations and people
who already enjoy the abundance of creation
and the blessings of prosperity,
that their hearts may be lifted up
to the needs of the poor and afflicted,
and partnerships between rich and poor
for the reconciliation of the world may flourish and grow.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

— *Excerpted from a longer prayer on the National
Catholic Rural Life*

A Harvest Prayer - God of the Bountiful

We thank you for your harvest which feeds us
so many times each day

We are nourished with your
 forgiveness and hope
We are sustained with
 your strength and patience
We are filled with your grace and compassion

We thank you for feeding us with a harvest of plenty
We are restored through your generosity and healing
We are replenished with your abundance and joy
We are reminded of your selfless abandon
We thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven

Your gift of Christ sustains our lives
 His presence restores the promise of your love
 His life fills our hearts with your everlasting light

We thank you for filling us with the water of life
 May we drink deeply that our thirst may be quenched
 May your river continue to flow
 over us, in us, through us and
 out into the world you love.

— *God of the Bountiful* written by Christine Sine,
and posted on her website *Godspace*

With hopeful hearts we offer the prayer that he 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.

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The Balkans -

**Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo,
Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia**

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 297 "All Praise To You"

All praise to you, O God of all creation:
You made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet earth you spun in its location
Amid the stars adorning heaven's dome.
We lease the earth but for a life's duration,
Yet for this life it is our cherished home.

With wondrous grace you clothed the earth in splendour;
With teeming life you filled the sea and land.
Instill in us a sense of awe and wonder
When we behold the bounty of your hand.
Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,
We hear the voice our faith can understand.

To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,
For earth is ours to use and not abuse.
O gracious God, true source of all resources,
Forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
While earth gives glory to creation's Lord.

Benediction

God, the Holy Spirit,
You are the restless wind of love that
sweeps through the world.
You blow where you will, breaking down barriers,
Stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.

As we go out from here,
tend within us restless desire for change
– even change that seems impossible.

Come, Spirit of God,
Sweep through our world bringing great change.

May the harvest of your goodness bring justice and hope.
And, for us, transformation in our praying and living,

So all may share in the harvest of your blessings.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

— *Posted on the Third Space website.*

Choral Amen

Postlude Red River Jig



Red River Jig, from Wagner's New Monthly Magazine, 1880. Mr. Cameron explains that in his day the dancers were more polite than they appear here.

Métis music was influenced both by European and Aboriginal traditions, fused into a sound uniquely their own.

The unofficial anthem of the Métis Nation is the Red River Jig. It is popularly believed that the tune grew out of gatherings of fiddlers that

took place at the Forks – where the Red and Assiniboine Rivers meet, probably in the mid 1800s. Though there are variations of the tune, it is known by Métis from Alaska to James Bay and is central to the Métis identity.

Influence

The steps of the Red River Jig are influenced by the First Nation pow-wow, while at the same time contain the essentials of Scottish and Irish traditional dances. The dance consists of many steps with footwork mostly close to the ground. Some dancers have a repertoire of 20 to 30 steps and have competitions to see who can perform the fanciest combinations. The dance is often fast and intricate, the flourishes and fancy steps varying with the skill and agility of the person performing it.

Traditional Métis music is dominated by the fiddle. The instrument was first introduced to Aboriginal populations in Canada by the Scots-Irish and French-Canadian fur traders. The Métis took the instrument and imbued its sound with a vivacity totally unique to them. It was most common for Métis fiddle tunes to be passed on from person to person by ear—learned by example as opposed to reading sheet music. Every fiddle player had their own style of playing and their own version of the songs – which could change from one performance to the next.

Style

Traditional Métis music does not conform to the structure of European reels and jigs: there was no set bar structure, leaving the phrasing up to each individual fiddler. Tunings are also very flexible, and a variety of bowing techniques are used. If the song has lyrics, the key was adjusted to suit the singer. Fiddling was often accompanied by foot tapping which reflected the rhythmic beat of a drum. Since the 1940s, guitar has been used to provide a rhythmic accompaniment.

Community

Often fiddlers played together, one taking the melody while others filled in with chords or snatches of the main tune for an impromptu harmony. Music-making was often a social event in Métis circles, thus it is not surprising that where there were fiddle players there were often dancers as well.

The Red River Jig and Métis fiddle music are both products of a blend of cultures, just like the Métis themselves are a synthesis of Aboriginal and European traditions and values. Their music reflected – and continues to reflect – the life-force of a people who have faced adversity and risen above it.