



Fifth Sunday of Easter - C  
May 15, 2022

“So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"”

*Acts 11:2, 3*

Who  
vs.  
Whom

### Welcome and Announcements

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– 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

**19 May**, 1:00 pm - Mega Yard Sale Meeting

**25 May**, 9:30 am - Bible Study

**26 May**, 7:00 pm - Council

**28 May**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**12 June**, 8:30 am - Early Communion

### Services Upcoming

**5 June** - Pentecost / Recognition of Special Ministries

If you are interested in ordering **Geraniums**, please call the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday. The cost is \$12 for a package of 4 plants and you can mix the colours - white, pink and orange. Order soon to avoid disappointment. Pick up will be on Saturday, May 28th, 2022 between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

## **Compost Sale**

Next Weekend 9:00 – 2:00

**Seniors' Luncheon** - The Christian Community Team is 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 or are limited due to increased healthcare requirements may gather for an afternoon of Fellowship.

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 25 June**

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

There will be a meeting about the Mega Yard Sale on Thursday, 19 May at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall for those who are interested in setting up on Thursday and Friday before or after the day of 25 June.

**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 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 displayed. A charitable receipt will be issued or mailed to you.

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

**Interlude** "Praise to the Lord" (VU835)  
*(Lighting of Christ Candle)*

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.

Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.

From the rising up of the sun

May the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

There is none like our God in the heavens or on earth,

Who lifts the poor from the dust seating them with the mighty,  
Who stoops to raise the weak and low:

May the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

## **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**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!**

Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

**Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!**

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**With voices united, let us praise the Lord!**

## **Opening Prayer**

Holy God,

The first and the last, beginning and end of all things,  
you are worthy of praise from all your creation.

Sun, moon, and stars praise you.

Earth, sea, and sky praise you.

Every living thing praises you in its own way.

And so we praise you in our human diversity,

joining our varied voices with all your creatures in heaven  
and on earth.

You fill our lives with the wonder of your love in Christ Jesus.

Your Spirit moves throughout the world

to reveal your purposes for every living thing.

Receive our prayers and praise this day,  
for you are the Source of our life and our hope,  
Holy God, ever Three and Ever One.

**Hymn** 713 "I See a New Heaven"

*I see a new heaven, I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
Where the fountain of life flows and without price  
goes to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there on the banks  
of a river bright and free,  
Yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
The Tree of Life will be.

*I see a new heaven, I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
Where the fountain of life flows and without price  
goes to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there where the darkness  
brings visions from above.  
There where the night, bearing new light,  
Reveals the promise of love.

*I see a new heaven, I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
Where the fountain of life flows and without price  
goes to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there where we work  
with the love of healing hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
To build a promised new land.

*I see a new heaven, I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
Where the fountain of life flows and without price  
goes to all people who abide in the land.*

**Time With Children  
Children's Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God,**

**Jesus commanded us to love one another  
so the world would know we follow him.**

**Yet we confess we do not always love one another,  
not the way Jesus loves us.**

**Loving God, forgive us.**

**Lord Jesus, continue to love us.**

**Holy Spirit, fill us with love,**

**so that the world will witness your love in our words and  
actions. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us.

Let us rejoice in his forgiving love and share it with each other day by day.

**Scripture**            Acts 11:1-18  
                              Psalm 148 (VU871)  
                              Revelation 21:1-6  
                              John 13:31-35

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’

This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I

remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Psalm 148 (VU871)

*Refrain -*

*Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”*

Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights!

Give praise, all you angels; praise God, all you hosts!

**Praise God, sun and moon; give praise, stars and lights!**

**Praise God, farthest heavens,**

**and all the waters beyond heaven!**

*Refrain -*

*Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”*

Let all things praise the Holy One at whose command they were created,

who established them for all time,

setting bounds, which cannot be passed.

**Praise God from the earth,**

**great sea creatures and ocean depths,**

**lightning and hail, snow and frost,**

**gales that obey God’s decree,**

all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars,

wild animals and cattle, creatures winged and earthbound,

**sovereigns who rule earth and people,**

**all who govern and judge this world,  
young men and women alike,  
old people and children together.**

***Refrain -***

***Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”***

Let all things praise the name of God,  
the name above every other,  
whose splendour covers heaven and earth.

**You give strength to your people,  
songs of praise to your faithful,  
to Israel, the people dear to your heart.**

***Refrain -***

***Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”***

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them and be their God;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Meditation** “O Saviour Hear Me” (Gluck)

**Reflection** Who’s New?

**Hymn** 703 "In The Bulb There Is A Flower"

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
    seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
    bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
    what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
    something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
    in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
    in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
    at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
    something God alone can see.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

The season of Easter is unfolding while the gifts of spring also remind us of God's generosity in creation. May the gifts we offer our gratitude for God's goodness to us, and the hope for new life we have in Jesus.

**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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## **Note from the Treasurer**

When you are making your gift “In Memoriam” of someone, it defaults to the Gifts & Memorial Fund. Those funds are used at the discretion of the Council for significant purposes. However, one can designate “In Memoriam” funds to be directed to the General Account to assist with operating expenses.

Clearly mark your cheque or cash donation for General Account use otherwise your donation will accumulate in the Gifts & Memorial Fund for later use.

## **Offering Prayer**

Generous God,

We bless you for your gift of life renewed through Jesus’ love, and through springtime growth in fields and gardens.

Bless the gifts we bring and make them signs of hope and renewal in the world we serve in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Hymn** MV 173 "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

Put peace into each other’s hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
Protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other’s hands  
with loving expectation;  
Be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God’s creation.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith  
in touch with those around you.  
Put peace into each other's hands;  
the Peace that sought and found you.

## **Prayers of the People**

Dear God,

You have given us wonders in this world.  
We thank you for spring sunshine and refreshing rain;  
for colours exploding in blossoms opening,  
grass greening, and gardens sprouting.  
Thank you for all the signs of new life around us this Easter season.

Make the earth fruitful in this growing season,  
so that food will be plentiful for the hungry.

God of new life,

We pray that we might learn to care for our planet  
as your gift.

We pray for all those who work tirelessly  
to teach us how to look after the environment.

Renew their energy for the responsibilities they carry.

We pray for leaders in government, business and communities,  
that they will make care for the earth a priority  
for the sake of generations yet to come.

Inspire each of us to do all we can,  
no matter how small or insignificant our efforts may seem,  
to walk more respectfully on the face of your creation.

God of the small and insignificant  
as well as powerful and influential,

We thank you for our families and friends  
who offer us love and encouragement as we move through life.

We pray for those families and communities  
whose lives have been disrupted by war and conflict,  
who worry about safety each day  
and what the future will hold for them.

Guide all those with decision making power  
to consider the lives of the vulnerable as very precious,  
and make policies that protect the future for them.

God of the vulnerable,

We pray for all those whose future is uncertain:  
for those are facing illness or waiting for treatment,  
for those mourning the loss of someone dear,  
and those who feel lonely or discouraged.

We pray for those who are homeless or unemployed,  
for all who know hunger or despair,  
and for those facing danger or discrimination every day.

Empower us with your Spirit to reach out to those in need,  
in this community and in places distant from us,  
so that we can make your love tangible in their lives  
in Jesus' name.

We thank you for this community that gathers in Jesus' name,  
for the warmth and welcome offered here,  
for friendship and faithfulness discovered,  
for learning and leadership shared with each other.

Thank you for the hope that rises in us  
through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Make us expressions of that hope to each other  
and to the world you love for his sake,  
as we join our voices with his followers around the world,  
praying the words 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.**

## EOORC Prayer Cycle

Victoria United Church - Augusta Pastoral Charge

## The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

## We Depart to Serve with Joy

### Hymn 333 "Love Divine"

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **Benediction**

Let us go now to praise God with our hearts.

**To see the imagination of God in every moment of creation,  
in every person we meet in the days to come.**

Let us go now to praise Jesus with our lives.

**To bring justice to those who are oppressed,  
to bring hope to those who live in despair and worry.**

Let us go now to praise the Spirit with our lips.

**To speak peace into all the broken places of our communities,  
to whisper grace to all those forgotten by the world.**

## **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      “The Lost Chord” (Sullivan)