

**“A certain woman  
named Lydia,  
a worshiper of God...”  
*Acts 16:14a***



## **Welcoming and announcements**

- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
  - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

## **Announcements: Back page**

### **Introit: “In the Bulb There is a Flower”**

Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth

**Duet:** Arlene & Maryn Hunter

### **Lighting the Christ Candle** © Norma Wrightly

We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the light that opens our hearts to new possibilities.

### **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** “Dipping your Toes” –Rev Janet Stobie, used with permission

Come,  
open your heart to God’s presence.

**We come seeking God’s wisdom for our lives.**

Come,  
learn of God’s spirit that brings us life.

**We come seeking the Spirit’s support in all our tasks.**

Come, let us worship God.

**Hymn: VU 559 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”**

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing  
call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I praise in my sojourning;  
giving thanks for having come,  
come to trust, at every turning,  
God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God,

came to rescue me from danger,  
precious presence, precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debt  
or daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
wander from the love I've known;  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,  
seal it for your very own.

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### **Opening Prayer**

Holy Spirit,

Enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's,  
that through deepened prayer and open hearts & minds  
we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen

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### **Young and Young at Heart**

**Scripture:**

**Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, make a way for the living word of God to make a home in us today. By the grace of God, let us keep these words, so that God will live in us. Amen

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**Psalm 42: Duet:** Arlene and Maryn Hunter

**Acts: 16: 9-15**

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

<sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.<sup>(B)</sup>

**The Conversion of Lydia**

<sup>11</sup> We therefore<sup>[a]</sup> set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,<sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed<sup>[b]</sup> there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

<sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

<sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

**Sermon: “A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God.”**

**Hymn: MV 79 “Spirit, Open My Heart”**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that’s kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,**

**in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

3. May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another.

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

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### **Offertory Prayer:**

When Lydia became a believer and was baptized in the faith, she invited Paul and his companions to stay in her home. Generous giving naturally follows believing! May our offering joyfully reflect our believing.

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And so, we pray,  
Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms  
In witness to your love,  
You bless us from generation to generation  
With the new life of Easter faith.  
All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God,  
So we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed,  
for the sake of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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### **Prayers of the People** (*[https://presbyterian.ca/worship/used with permission](https://presbyterian.ca/worship/used-with-permission). Adapted*)

Creator God,  
The earth and all its peoples belong to you.  
As we come before you in prayer,  
we are painfully aware that the earth itself is at risk,  
from the ways your people live on it,  
and the conflicts we provoke among each other.  
We seek your healing and hope this day,

for the earth and all its creatures,  
and for your people of every nation.

We join our prayers this day with others from across our Region as we pray for the congregations of the Lanark Balderson Community of Faith and for their ministries. And with the World Council of Churches we pray for the people and the lands of **Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius (mr·i·shuhs), and Seychelles**

God of healing and hope,  
we pray for peace with justice to emerge in war torn lands,  
and in every place of conflict where power struggles put innocents at risk.

We name before you the people and places on our hearts today:  
We pray for the people of Russia and most especially we pray from the depth of our hearts for the people of Ukraine

*Hold a time of silence*

Send your Spirit of wisdom and compassion  
to break open the hearts of leaders to work with each other  
to protect the innocent and restore order for the wellbeing of all.  
May your ways of truth and justice prevail  
In every heart and in every land.

God of mercy,

**This is our prayer; may we live that it may be so.**

God of healing and hope,

We pray for The United Church's Mission & Service Fund and its partners,

and all groups offering aid and renewal in places  
where disaster and conflict have left people at risk.  
Support those who have lost homes, families and livelihoods  
to find courage to go on  
and open hearts of those in safety to share with those in need.  
God of mercy,  
**This is our prayer; may we live that it may be so.**

God of healing and hope,  
we know that this land we call home faces conflict and pain,  
and that communities are divided by deep disagreements.  
We pray for healing and understanding to deepen  
between Indigenous people and those who settled this land.  
Protect those who face racist attitudes and actions in daily life,  
and restore dignity and hope to those who have suffered injustice  
in a system that benefitted others.  
Open our eyes to the creativity and courage in communities  
that feel unfamiliar to us,  
and open our hearts to build new relationships with each other  
so we grow closer as neighbours and friends.  
God of mercy,  
**This is our prayer; may we live that it may be so.**

God of healing and hope,  
We pray for the renewal of your creation  
and for the protection of species at risk.  
By your Spirit, teach us to change our ways when they are harmful  
to the earth,

and inspire our ingenuity to find solutions to problems that seem so vast.

God of mercy,

**This is our prayer; may we live that it may be so.**

God of healing and hope,

We pray for those who know sickness or pain,

for all who live in grief, loneliness or anxiety,

and all who find these uncertain times overwhelming in any way.

In silence, we remember before you those for whom we have special concern this day:

*Keep silence.*

By your Spirit, surround each one with strength and love,

and equip us to offer support for those whose lives are woven into ours.

God of mercy,

**This is our prayer; may we live that it may be so.**

God of healing and hope,

Jesus walks with us day by day to see us through every challenge,

and so we claim the healing and hope he offers as we listen to the words he taught:

**Lord's Prayer: *Duet: Arlene and Maryn Hunter***

**Time for silent prayer**

**Hymn: VU 413 "O Splendour of God's Bright"**

1. Splendor of God's glory bright,

from light eternal bringing light;  
O Light of life, light's living spring,  
True day, , all days illumining:

2. come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,  
pour down your radiance from above,  
and to our inward hearts convey  
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

3. O joyful be the passing day  
our thoughts as clear as morning's ray,  
with faith like noontide shining bright,  
our souls unshadowed by the night.

4. O Christ, with each returning more,  
Your image to our hearts is born;  
O may we ever see anew  
Our saviour and our God in you!

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Go in peace and live lives of love before God and all people.

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May the wisdom of God open our minds

May the love of Christ open our hearts

May the power of the Spirit show us how to live life like Lydia.

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** Ashokan Farewell

**Announcements:**

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

**26 May, 7:00 pm** – Council

**5 June** – Sunday Worship: Pentecost, Communion & Recognition of Special Ministries. Please, ensure that Christopher is aware of ALL people who helped in any of the Special Ministries over the past two years.

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

**Geraniums:** Mike reports that there are available (as of Monday, May 16):

22 pinks, 18 white and 2 orange but he could get more of those. If anyone wants some they can order from Mike at 613-283-5149 or Andrea at the church office 613-283-4444. Pick up: Saturday, May 28th, 2022, 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

**Compost sale** this weekend. Saturday, Sunday **and Monday** 9-2 at the Real Deal Store on William St. This product is certified organic mushroom compost at \$10 for a 30L bag sourced from Eastern Ontario.

**Seniors' Luncheon** - The Christian Community Team is planning a Reunion Luncheon on Wednesday, 15 June 2022. **DRIVERS ARE NEEDED**

**Lanark County Interval House** – A List of suggested items is with the item collection box, situation in the front foyer. Unopened personal care items for women and children are appreciated. Fragrance free when possible.

**Mega Yard Sale June 25, Plus, A BAKE SALE and BBQ**

Set up on Thursday 23, 9-4 and Friday 24, 10-7:30

**Bake Sale items** may be brought in on Friday or on Saturday before 8 a.m.

**Yard Sale items:** Donations may be brought in now during office hours and put on the stage downstairs. If you need items picked up, call Joanne at 613 283 7565 or Linda at 613 283 2728

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**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** The contribution wagon is at the back of the Sanctuary and is delivered monthly.