



Fourth Sunday of Easter - C
May 8, 2022
Christian Family Sunday

“The LORD is
my shepherd,
I shall not want.”
Psalm 23:1



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

- 9 May**, Regional UCW
- 10 May**, Spiritual Leadership Meeting - 2:00pm
- 11 May**, 9:30am - Bible Study
- 11 May**, 12:30pm - Healing Pathway
- 13 May**, 6:00pm - Rainbow 101

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 Saturday & Sunday 9:00 – 2:00 and the long weekend. Compost will be available in advance of the sale days. Jan will be at the REAL parking lot on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week from 9:00 am.

You can bag your own compost and for others who wish to have some. \$10/ 30L bag.

Anyone wishing to help is welcome to come during the week – bring your own shovel.

The Smiths Falls High School Basketball Team will be helping on Tuesday and Thursday after school with an expectation that the bagging job will be complete by Sale day next Saturday.

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 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.

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.

If you wish to purchase a subscription for the Broadview Magazine at the rate of \$25 for the year, please do so prior to June 10th. Please submit your subscription fee to the Trinity United Church office via cheque, cash or e-transfer. Cheques should be made out to Trinity United Church, e-transfers can be forwarded to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca. Clearly mark on your envelope or e-transfer that it is for the Broadview subscription. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda King at 613-282-4416.

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

Interlude "The Lord's My Shepherd" (VU747) vs. 1, 5

(Lighting of Christ Candle)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

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

Along with all the saints, let us say together:

Salvation belongs to God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Along with the redeemed, let us praise God with joyful hearts:

For this reason we come before the throne of God and worship the Lord day and night.

Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life.

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

God of the ages, God of today,
You are compassion; our cup overflows.
You are hope; you lead us into green pastures.

You are truth; you lead us beside quiet streams.
You are life; you restore our souls.

Morning, noon and night, you are the source of our joy.

We gather to worship as one family of your people,
honoring you as our Creator,
trusting you as our Sustainer,
resting in you as our Redeemer. Amen.

Hymn 365 "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.

Refrain -

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

If we stray from your ways like lost sheep.

**If we follow the desires of our own hearts,
ignoring the needs of others.**

If we judge ourselves more generously than others.

If we fail to offer others the forgiveness we seek from you.

If we nurse grudges and cling to our own opinions.

Return us to your paths of truth and mercy.

Words of Assurance

Paul declares that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, for we are being rooted and grounded in his love. The forgiveness he offers is a gift of this love.

Receive God's forgiveness with faithful hearts,
and be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Scripture Acts 9:36-43
 Psalm 23 (VU749)
 John 10:22-30

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made

while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23 (VU749)

Refrain -

My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

God is my shepherd,

There is nothing I shall lack.

You, God, make me lie down in green pastures,

You lead me beside peaceful waters;

You revive my spirit,

You guide me in right pathways for your name's sake.

Refrain -

My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, You are with me,

Your rod and your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in God's house my whole life long.

Refrain -

My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Meditation "Chorale on 'When He Cometh'" (arr. Young)

Reflection Contentment

Hymn MV 157 "I Am A Child Of God"

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.

I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,

I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,

I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

Invitation to the Offering

In the Easter season, we celebrate God's gift to us in Jesus' rising.
As we present our offering this morning, may our generosity reflect
God's goodness to us, and the hope we have in Jesus, even in troubled
times.

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

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, thank you for all we have received from you in Christ and in creation.

Bless the gifts we bring and use them in the service of your reign of justice and peace,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Guide.

Hymn 664 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage
there.

Prayers of the People

Dear God,
You came to us bearing God's love,
to walk with us as our Good Shepherd,
showing us how to love each other.
You pray with us and for us day by day.

Today we turn to you with our hopes and concerns in these uncertain times.

Draw near to us and to all those for whom we pray,
so that your love will be known in our world this day.

On this Christian Family Sunday,
we pray for the families we belong to.

We thank you for parents, grandparents and great-parents,
for the generations who started our families and all they gave to us.

Today we thank you for all those who mothered us,
grateful for their care and guidance.

We pray for mothers throughout the world,
thinking especially of mothers in Ukraine and other places of conflict,
worried for their children and the future.

Strengthen every care-giver's hope and courage by the power of your Spirit,
and create peace in the world so children can grow up in safety.

Jesus, our friend and brother,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for families in our community and around the world
in these uncertain times.

We remember families in need:

those struggling with economic upheaval and the high cost of living,

those who know sorrow because someone has died or gone away,

those who live in pain or fear, or face some kind of discrimination.

Surround these families with your love and courage;
bring them support from their neighbours,
and guide each child and young person into the future.

Jesus, our friend and brother,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the family of nations in this time of threat and conflict.

Change the hearts of leaders bent on destruction or conquest.

Give wisdom and courage to those who seek justice through negotiation,

and protect all those who offer themselves in aid and advocacy work.

Bring peace with justice to this troubled world.

Jesus, our friend and brother,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for each other and for our church family.

We give your thanks for the friendship and fellowship we share
and the unique gifts each one brings to our life together.

Rekindle our energy for ministry and mission
and show us our path into the future.

Make us a beacon of hope in your name.

Jesus, our friend and brother,
Hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd,
Guide us through dark valleys and green pastures.

We thank you for your presence with us in all times and
situations
as we offer together the prayer you gave us as one family of
followers:

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

Kemptville - St. John's Pastoral Charge

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 334 "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,

Refrain

***and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.***

O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace

Refrain

Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain you trod,

Refrain

Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

O that, with all the sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall;
join in the everlasting song,

Refrain

Benediction

Gathered for worship, we are now sent to work,
**to find God in all the broken places
and serve with healing and hope.**

Having gathered in silence, we are now sent to speak,
**to share the words of Jesus
about justice and inclusion of all.**

Gathered for prayer, we are now sent to live,
**to take goodness and mercy and anoint
everyone with these gifts of the Spirit.**

Choral Amen

Postlude "Happiness" (Gesner)