



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - C  
July 10, 2022

"The one who showed  
him mercy."  
*Luke 10:37*

Unexpected kindness  
is the most powerful,  
least costly, and most  
underrated agent of  
human change.

—BOB KERREY

### **Welcome and Announcements**

- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
  - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday

### **Compost Fundraiser**

Compost remains for sale at REAL Deal at \$10 for 60L.

**Lanark County Interval House** – We are packing a parcel for Interval House. A List of suggested items is with the collection box, in the foyer.

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

### **Children's Programming and Activities -**

We need help and would love a helper...

Ideas too ...

The Spiritual Leadership Team is moving forward with creating a Labyrinth in our backyard. We would like to use bricks for the outline. **We would welcome guidance and direction with respect to a source of surplus / used Bricks.** Our budget for this project is “Thank You, this is Awesome!”

**Interlude**      506 "Take My Life and Let It Be" vs. 1,5

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*(Lighting of Christ Candle)*

### **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**

Turn to God with confidence and expectation.

**In you we place our trust.**

Ask God to show us the road to follow.

**Lead us in your truth and teach us your way.**

Seek hope in the Lord who is our salvation.

**All day long we will put our hope in the God who saves us.**

**We will worship God in faith, hope and trust.**

## **Opening Prayer**

God of all beginnings,

We come today with praise on our lips and in our hearts.

We stand in awe of all you have created -

the vast expanse of a starry night and the beauty of a raindrop  
together reflect your glory.

You have blessed creation with life and meaning.

Your love makes a beginning in us, too -

in each new life born into the world,  
in each new friendship formed,  
in each kindling attraction,  
in each kind word and act for neighbour or stranger.

We praise you for your love moving in the world around us,  
lived out in Jesus

and by the Spirit at work in us.

All praise and glory belong to you,

Source, Saviour, and Spirit of Love,  
one God, now and always.

## **Hymn 357 "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"**

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;

scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee;  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness deeds full of grace,  
all in the love-light of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee;  
and how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows, and hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm-tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is King!

Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;  
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

## **Time With Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of loving kindness,  
Jesus called us to love you above all else,  
and our neighbour as ourselves.  
Yet we sometimes fail to act in loving ways.  
We are distracted by our own needs,**

**forgetful of others.**  
**We let differences divide us**  
**and excuse ourselves from reaching out.**  
**Forgive us.**  
**Create in us new hearts**  
**so we can live and love faithfully in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

God's generous love reaches out to embrace us.  
We are forgiven and set free to begin again.  
Let us give thanks for this mercy and be at peace  
with God, with ourselves and each other.

**Scripture**            Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
                              Psalm 25:1-10 (VU752)  
                              Colossians 1:1-14  
                              Luke 10:25-37

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

... the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

“Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear

it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalm 25:1-10 (VU752)

*Refrain -*

*To you, O God, I lift my soul,  
to you I lift my soul.*

To you, O God, I lift my soul; my God, in you I trust.

Let me not be put to shame, nor let my foes gloat over me.

**Let none who wait for you be shamed;  
let them be shamed who wantonly break faith.**

Show me your ways; teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me;  
for you are God my saviour.**

**For you I wait all the day long.**

*Refrain -*

*To you, O God, I lift my soul,  
to you I lift my soul.*

Remember your mercy, O God, and your steadfast love,  
for they are as old as time.

**Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth.  
According to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O God!**

*Refrain -*

*To you, O God, I lift my soul,  
to you I lift my soul.*

You are upright and good, O God,  
therefore you show the path to those who go astray.  
**You guide the humble to do what is right,  
and teach the lowly your way.**

All your ways are loving and sure  
**for those who keep your covenant  
and commandments.**

*Refrain -*

*To you, O God, I lift my soul,  
to you I lift my soul.*

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned

from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own

animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**Meditation** "Hedwig's Theme" (Williams)

## **Reflection**

**Hymn** "Softly and Tenderly"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

**Refrain -**

*Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?

**Refrain -**

*Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!*

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
coming for you and for me.

**Refrain -**

***Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!***

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

**Refrain -**

***Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!***

## **Invitation to the Offering**

God sent us Jesus so that we would know God's great generosity and compassion for us.

May the gifts we offer bear witness to the power of this extravagant love in our lives.

**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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## Offering Prayer

God of the Samaritan's kindness,

We offer our gifts in hope, trusting that you will bless them to bring such kindness to others in Jesus' name. Make us 'good Samaritans' with the courage to be generous to neighbours and strangers for Christ's sake. Amen

## Hymn 672 "Take Time To Be Holy"

Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,  
and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
you soon shall be fitted for service above.

## Prayers of the People

God of abundant growth,

As summer unfolds around us, we give you thanks for  
beauty in our gardens,  
crops growing in our fields,  
life swimming in oceans and lakes.  
Where the abundance of nature is at risk,

we pray that your Spirit will work in and through us  
to restore the air, water and soil for the good of all creation.

God of every life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of peace and reconciliation,  
We thank you for the peace and freedom we enjoy  
and the many ways our lives are protected in this land.  
We remember those places torn apart by violence and hatred,  
those people who face discrimination daily,  
and anyone who feels unsafe this day or any day.

Inspire leaders in every country to lead with wisdom and mercy.  
Guide them in your ways of peace and justice.

God of every life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of creativity and community,  
We thank you for the many ways the Church can serve you in Jesus' name.  
Thank you for the unique voices that sing your praise and speak your comfort,  
all the hands that share in acts of service,  
all the prayers offered quietly for your will to be done.  
We pray for the Church and its many congregations  
as we seek to be faithful.  
Help us work together so that our unity bears witness  
to the possibilities for unity among diverse peoples everywhere.

God of every life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of every precious life,  
Our hearts join those who are suffering.

Hear our prayers as we name before you those in need of your love  
and healing  
in the silence of our hearts...

God of every life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God hope and love,  
Draw us closer to you every day.  
Show us what you desire for us  
and inspire our faithfulness in the example of Jesus, who taught  
us to pray these words -

### **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

Lansdowne United Church

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Eritrea, Ethiopia

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn** Just a Closer Walk With Thee

I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

**Refrain -**

*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

**Refrain -**

*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,*

*Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

*Refrain -*

*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

**Benediction**

Now go, to be God's blessing to others.

**We will not measure out our love by the spoonful,  
but shower everyone with it.**

Now go, tell share the story of Jesus' love and hope for all.

**We will speak of the One who, with grace and wonder,  
shows everyone who they are and who they might be.**

Now go, to pour out the Spirit's compassion in every corner of your  
life.

**We will care for everyone, even those we do not know.**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude** "Think of Me" (Lloyd Webber)