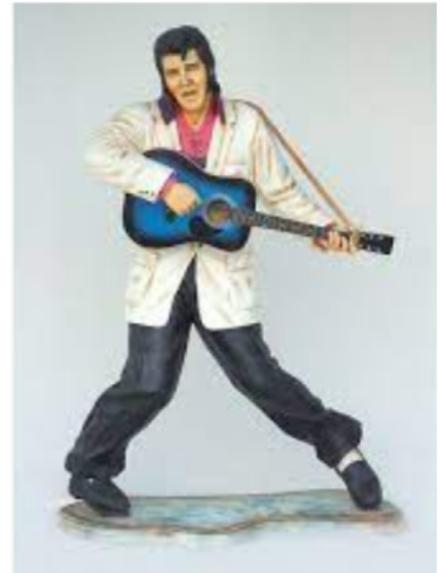


"... a woman named  
Martha welcomed him  
into her home."

*Luke 10:38*



### **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**      343 "I Love To Tell The Story" vs 1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*(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**

The Lord is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

**The Lord is our stronghold. Of whom shall we be afraid?**

As we wait on the Lord, let us be strong and of good courage.

**God has called us together, and we have come.**

Let us thank God forever, because of what God has done.

**We will proclaim God's holy name, for God is good. Let us worship God!**

### **Opening Prayer**

God of majesty and mystery,

Your love and purpose embrace the whole world.

You set us in a world of beauty and bounty

and invite us to meet you in the midst of its wonders.

You call us to love each other in the example of Jesus

to make your world a place of justice and compassion.

In this hour of worship, send us your Spirit of wisdom and grace

so that we can live out the praise on our lips

in our day to day living,

which we offer to you, our one and only God.

### **Hymn 409 "Morning Has Broken"**

Morning has broken like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning

born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

## **Time With Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Dear Jesus,**

**You were born one of us to show us God's love for us.**

**You came to teach us God's truth and touch us with God's mercy.**

**We confess we sometimes try to push you away.**

**We cling to what we think,**

**and resist your challenge to open our lives to others.**

**We limit our generosity, convinced we can't give any more.**

**Forgive us**

**when we turn away from the example you set for us.**

#### **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news!

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**            Genesis 18:1-10a  
                             Psalm 15 (VU736)  
                             Luke 10:38-42

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Psalm 15 (VU736)

***Refrain -***

***Within your holy place, O God,  
who shall a dweller be?***

God, who may be a guest in your house,  
**or who may dwell on your holy mountain?**

*Refrain -*

*Within your holy place, O God,  
who shall a dweller be?*

One who leads a blameless life,  
**who does what is right,  
who speaks truthfully from the heart;**

one whose tongue is free from malice,  
**who never wrongs a friend,  
who utters no reproach against a neighbour;**

one who cannot respect the unworthy,  
but honours those who fear God;  
**who stands by a promise given,  
though it be to personal disadvantage;**

one who will not take interest on a loan,  
nor accept a bribe to testify against the innocent.  
**Whoever does this shall never be overthrown.**

*Refrain -*

*Within your holy place, O God,  
who shall a dweller be?*

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her,

then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed - indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

**Meditation** "Band of Brothers" (Kamen)

## **Reflection**

I love to cook and I like to be prepared. I tend to be a little focused, too. At the last mega sale, I purchased three metal and one glass bowl. They were for placing chopped vegetables, spices and such in a lie in the order in which they are cooked. This way, I achieve exquisite timing.

I do not like confusion. I have to have a strategy to manage confusion, if I am expected to work in a confusing or emotionally charged environment.

This is the flow chart I used while the Brigade Chaplain in Petawawa.

Mary and Martha. Why is Martha distracted? She was the one who invited Jesus to her home? Why is she not ready? Mary is ready.

We are entering a planning phase in the autumn. We know that the world is changing and we know that we are not in the best shape we have ever been in, we also know that we are able to do something now. So it is incumbent upon us to be prepared so that when the day comes, we will be able to choose the better part that will not be taken away from us.

We cannot let the future just fall upon us.

Who invites Elvis and does not listen to him?

Lorraine and I have hosted house concerts. To be sure, everything is set up before people come. We want to listen to the band. Why is Martha distracted by many things? Because she is unprepared.

Martha knew Jesus was coming. Why is she not ready?

Lorraine does not like to show up at people's homes exactly on time. She thinks it is rude. She assumes that the hosts will be consumed with

last minute details. I however, like to show up at exactly the prescribed time. I like to be ready at the exact prescribed time.

I have a friend who when he comes to visit will, without fail, ask, "Do we have to eat right away?" I say, yes. Lorraine will politely say no, of course not, I interject with yes. If you do not care if the food is over cooked or cold, then here, have a can of corned beef hash whenever you want. As for me, I am eating at five o'clock. I come in and say, steaks will be ready in 3 and ½ minutes. Lorraine will say you are making this stressful. I say, you are making it stressful by being unprepared.

**Hymn** 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain -**

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain -**

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

**Refrain -**

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

## **Invitation to the Offering**

The stories of Scripture remind us there are many ways to give in gratitude. Whatever we have to give, let us give joyfully and generously, trusting God to do more than we can ask or imagine, in the name of 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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## **Offering Prayer**

Living, Loving God,

Martha offered the work of her hands to Jesus and Mary offered her close attention. We bring the gifts we have to offer to you. Bless and multiply them. Show us how they can best serve your purposes in our church and in your world. Amen.

**Hymn** 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?

When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,  
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

**Refrain -**

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!***

It will surely hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers tell and the reef is near;  
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,  
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow?

**Refrain -**

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!***

It will surely hold in the floods of death,  
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;  
on the rising tide you can never fail  
while our hopes abide within the veil.

**Refrain -**

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!***

When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,  
the city of gold, our harbour bright,  
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,  
with the storms all past for evermore.

***Refrain -***

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!***

## **Prayers of the People**

Loving God,

We come before you in prayer, trusting that your power works in the world

in ways we cannot even imagine,  
calling goodness forward, supporting love, and creating justice

even in situations that seem hopeless to us.

Draw on our prayers as signs of your Spirit at work in our lives

God with an open heart,

**Open our hearts to you.**

God of all peoples:

We pray today for those who lift up their voices in troubled nations,  
for those working to bring justice and negotiate peace,  
for those bringing aid to the vulnerable,  
and those offering shelter to anyone fleeing violence.

Call the powerful to account,

and inspire them to hear the voices that cry out in pain and desperation.

God with an open heart,  
**Open our hearts to you.**

God of everyday lives:

We pray today for our community and our neighbours  
whose everyday lives have been disrupted  
by months of pandemic restriction and response,  
and by economic realities beyond their control.

We remember neighbours whose livelihoods depend on undependable weather systems,  
and those fearing fire, flood or drought this summer.

We pray for communities that lack safe drinking water or adequate medical care  
and places where there is high unemployment or a worker shortage.

Inspire leaders to combine compassion with good planning,  
and consider the needs of all those who feel desperate

God with an open heart,  
**Open our hearts to you.**

God of the courageous and compassionate,

We pray for those who live out their commitment to the well-being of others day by day,  
in public service, health care, education,  
social work, community organizations, and environmental concern.

Thank you for their dedication.

Support those who feel stress or exhaustion  
and inspire those who can speak out when they see needs being  
neglected.

God with an open heart,  
**Open our hearts to you.**

God of neighbourhood and nation,  
We pray for friends and neighbours near and far,  
for all who travel this summer  
and for those who find themselves strangers in new  
communities.

We remember in silence those on our hearts, facing some kind of  
challenge this day:

Draw near to each one in deep need, O God.  
Equip us to support those lives that intertwine with ours  
for we are your people, embraced by your love,  
which we claim in the words Jesus' 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

Rideau Ferry -Bethel Pastoral Charge  
Bethel United Church

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Djibouti, Somalia

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn** 375 "Spirit of Gentleness"

***Refrain -***

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow thro' the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.***

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing:  
Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

*Refrain -*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow thro' the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

*Refrain -*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow thro' the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
And down in the city you called once again,  
When you blew thro' your people on the rush of the wind.

*Refrain -*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow thro' the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
With bold new decisions your people arise.

## **Benediction**

God sends us from this place, with our eyes wide open.

**May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.**

Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen.

**We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world;**

**we will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.**

The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and brother.

**May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.**

## **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      "Prelude in C" (Bach)