



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - C  
July 24, 2022

"So I say to you, Ask,  
and it will be given you;  
search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be  
opened for you."

*Luke 11:9*



### **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

† While the Minister is on Vacation, we will not meet for In-Person Worship. Please see Facebook for weekly posts of “Gently Used” Services. Our next “In Person” Worship will be 4 September.

### **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**      224 "Sing A Happy Alleluia" vs 1

Sing a happy hallelujah,  
sing it out with heart and style,  
we're the echo of God's laughter,  
we're the image of God's smile.

*Hallelujah, all creation,  
hallelujah everyone!*  
*Hallelujah, all creation,  
hallelujah everyone!*

*(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**

We come before God with thanks and praise.

**We praise God for unfailing love and faithfulness.**

We bow before God in worship.

**We worship for the glory of the Lord is great.**

We lift up our prayers with confidence.

**We have faith that God answers prayers and increases strength.**

## **Opening Prayer**

Ever present God,

We seek and you offer.

We ask and you give.

We knock and you open the door.

Ever gracious God,

You hear the requests of your people  
and in your goodness, answer.

In Jesus, you offer the gifts of new life and hope  
to all who seek your blessing.

Through your Spirit, you pray within us,  
even when we cannot find words ourselves.

Receive our praise and our prayers this day  
and draw us into your holy presence,  
so that your love will transform us  
to serve you in the world you love.

**Hymn** 509 "Here I Am Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them;  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them;  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

## **Time With Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."**

## **Words of Assurance**

So I say to you,  
Ask, and it will be given you;  
search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives,  
and everyone who searches finds,  
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

**Scripture**            Genesis 18:20-32  
                             Psalm 138 (VU860)  
                             Luke 11:1-13

## Genesis 18:20-32

Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Psalm 138 (VU860)

***Refrain -***

***We worship in your holy place  
and praise you for your truth and grace.***

I praise you, O God, with all my heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praises.

**I bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your name for your love and faithfulness;**  
for you have exalted your name  
and your word above everything.

**On the day that I called, you answered me,  
and put new strength in my soul.**

*Refrain -*

*We worship in your holy place  
and praise you for your truth and grace.*

All earth's rulers shall praise you,  
when they hear the words of your mouth.

**They shall sing of your ways, O God,  
sing that your glory is great.**

For though you are high, you care for the lowly.

**As for the proud, you humble them from afar.**

*Refrain -*

*We worship in your holy place  
and praise you for your truth and grace.*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me;  
**you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage;  
your powerful hand delivers me.**

You will fulfil your purpose for me.

**Your love, O God, is eternal.**

**Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands.**

***Refrain -***

***We worship in your holy place***

***and praise you for your truth and grace.***

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father,

May your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know

how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**Meditation** "The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte)

## **Reflection**

**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.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

God responds to our needs and requests with great generosity. Such is God's great love.

Let us share God's love with others through the offering we present today.

**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

Generous God,

We offer you our gifts, thankful that your love is overflowing. Bless these gifts so that your love will flow through them to meet the needs of those who call to you and to us. Amen.

## Hymn 337 "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
 born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

### *Refrain -*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Saviour all the day long;  
 this is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
 angels descending bring from above  
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### *Refrain -*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Saviour all the day long;  
 this is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain -*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

## **Prayers of the People**

Lord God, Loving God,  
We come before you in prayer,  
trusting that your power works in the world in ways we cannot  
imagine.

We thank you for calling goodness forward,  
for supporting love and creating justice  
even in situations which seem hopeless to us.

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

God of the world and all its peoples,  
We pray today for those who lift up their voices in troubled nations...  
in Ukraine, Syria, Palestine, Ethiopia and Tigray, Myanmar

Call the powerful to account  
and inspire leaders with the courage  
to listen to voices that cry out in pain and desperation.

God of our everyday lives,

We pray today for all those whose everyday lives have been disrupted  
by forces beyond their control:

those struggling with the effects of Covid 19 and other  
illnesses

those burdened by the rising costs of daily needs

those facing effects of climate change on their communities

Inspire governments to combine compassion and good planning to  
respond to those who face such upheaval.

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 health care, education, social work, public service  
and environmental concern.

Support them in times of stress

and inspire them to speak out when they see needs being  
neglected

God of our homes and families,

We pray for our friends and neighbours near and far,

for all who travel and for those who find themselves strangers in  
new communities.

Draw near to each one in deep need, especially those on our hearts  
this day.

Listen to your children praying:

Equip us to support those lives that intertwine with ours,

for we are your people, embraced by your love, which we  
claim together 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 them that 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

Merivale-Fallowfield Pastoral Charge

### The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn** 238 "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain -*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

*Refrain -*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

*Refrain -*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain -*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

**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 concerns 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** "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan) Sung by Peter Au