



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - C
September 4, 2022

"you might have him
back for the long term, no
longer as a slave but more
than a slave, a beloved
brother"



Philemon 1:13

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

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 "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" (Portnoy/Angelo)

(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

Joy comes to those who follow the ways of the Lord.

We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!

Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.

May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!

Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.

Let us worship God now and for all our days.

Opening Prayer

God of all creation,

You have opened the world around us

and filled it with creatures of your love and purpose.

Each one declares your praise –

the mountain states your majesty;

the ripened field, your generosity.

Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom;

the tiny ant works with your persistence.

And what do we declare about you in our lives?

We pray that our work will honour your justice and mercy;

may our relationships speak of your love and compassion.

So may we praise you, not just in this hour of worship,
but in all our waking and our working.

Challenge us today to live out the praise we offer you
through the grace of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn 495 "Come In, Come In And Sit Down"

Refrain -

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain -

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain -

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.

Refrain -

***Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.***

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain -

***Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.***

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**God of justice and mercy,
We offer you our love and loyalty in worship
yet we do not always act on our good intentions
We hurt each other,
and fail to seek or offer forgiveness.**

Words of Assurance

From now on, St Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
Thanks be to God that we can make a new start.

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1 (VU 724)
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Psalm 1 (VU 724)

Refrain -

Blessed are those who follow the law of God.

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked,
or linger in the way of sinners,
or sit down among those who mock.

**But their delight is in the law of God,
and on that law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside streams of water,
yielding their fruit in due season.

**Their leaves do not wither,
and whatever they produce shall prosper.**

Refrain -

Blessed are those who follow the law of God.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them,
**but they are like the chaff,
driven away by the wind.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand
when judgement comes,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Refrain -

Blessed are those who follow the law of God.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let

me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

One thing more: prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Meditation Church in the Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood
No lovelier spot in the dale
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale

(Oh, come, come, come, come)

*Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale*

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning
To listen to the clear ringing bells
Its tones so sweetly are calling
Oh come to the church in the vale

Reflection Commodity or Community

Hymn 389 "God is Here"

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit,
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

God of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Invitation to the Offering

On the Labour Day weekend, we offer to God the fruit of our labour to support in the work God has begun in the world.

Give in hope and in trust that God will accomplish more than we can ask or imagine through our gifts.

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

Offering Prayer

We offer these gifts to you. Bless them and use them to heal and reshape the world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus. Amen.

Hymn 332 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
 yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
 one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
 partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
 with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
 of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
 shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
 with God, the Three in one,
and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

Prayers of the People

God of all times and all people,
On this Labour Day Weekend,
 we thank you for all the skill and talent with which you bless
your people.

Thank you for what we have accomplished through the work we do,

and for what each one of us contributes to the wellbeing of our community.

Inspire us to work together on the challenges we face

and surprise us with the solutions to problems that once seemed overwhelming.

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Today we pray for all those who labour in difficult situations:

for children who work in terrible conditions and are paid very little.;

for migrant workers who must labour far away from their families;

and for all those who are underpaid or unjustly treated in their workplace.

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who cannot labour:

for those who are unemployed or underemployed;

for those who have become injured on the job or too sick to keep working;

for those who are denied the opportunity to earn a living because of war or discrimination.

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who labour in our community.

for those who must work today and tomorrow instead of enjoying this long weekend;

for those who must work several jobs in order to care for their families;

for those who work at jobs we would not do ourselves because they are messy or unpleasant.

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

And on this Labour Day, we offer gratitude for laws that protect children,

for health and safety practices that prevent tragedies in the workplace,

and for generations before us who advocated for vulnerable employees,

fair wages and equal opportunities.

Thank you for the work that goes on behind the scenes,

delivering things we enjoy and services we rely on.

Help us to look beyond these things

to picture the faces of those

whose work provides for all our needs.

Through their faces, let us see your face, Creator and Sustainer of all that is.

We ask this in Jesus' name who taught to pray together, saying -

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

Buckingham Pastoral Charge St. Andrew's United Church

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 579 "The Church is Wherever"

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
Singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
Remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God's people are helping,
Caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
The words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
Singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
Remember his story and walk in his way.

Benediction

You are not too young or too old,
you are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and pardon
through the gifts you have been given.

Choral Amen

Postlude "We Are The Church"

*I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!*

The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.

*I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!*

Yes, we're the church together!