



**TRINITY**  
UNITED CHURCH  
*Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - C  
September 18, 2022

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*1 Timothy 2:1,2*

### **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 creating a Labyrinth in our backyard. We are using bricks for the outline. **We would welcome any surplus / used Bricks for this purpose.** Our budget consists of our Gratitude for your generosity.

Spiritual Leadership and Communications are most grateful for the work of Bill Dickson who faithfully streams and records our services. This is a lot of work for one person. Please pray that assistance will be found for this important Ministry.

## Upcoming -

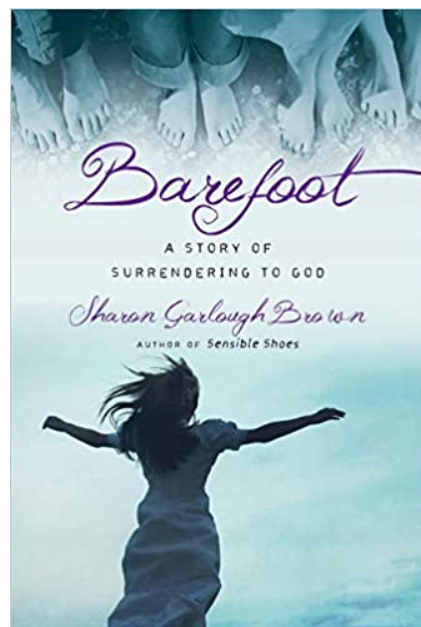
**Our Book Group is meeting again.** The book is *Barefoot - A Story of Surrendering to God*. We meet in the Upper Room on Mondays at 1:00pm.

On Mondays, folk who wish, may work with us on the labyrinth or just stop by to see how it is going. We hope to work away from 9:00 am to 11:00 am each Monday Morning until we are finished.

Monday, September 19, 2022, will be a National Day of Mourning in Canada, to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This coincides with Her Late Majesty's State Funeral in London, United Kingdom, and the end of the official period of mourning in Canada.

In view of the Queen's Funeral, Monday's routine at Trinity will be suspended in order to provide space and time in the Sanctuary / Chapel for folk who would like to watch a recording of the Queen's Funeral in a Church sanctuary setting with other members of the Congregation rather than watching it at home alone.

We will play the recording to correspond with the same sequence as London, England. Therefore, we will begin at 11:44 am (Our Time) to watch the procession from the Palace of Westminster to Westminster Abbey. The state funeral follows at 11:00. At around 11:55, the Last Post will sound, followed by a two-minute silence. Reveille, the national



anthem and a lament played by the Queen's piper will bring the state funeral service to an end at around 12:00.

*It is our intent to begin in the Sanctuary / Chapel at 10:44 am (our time).*

Potluck and Prayers resumes on Tuesday, 20 September at 6:00 pm.

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, 21 September at 9:30 am.

Next Sunday, 25 September, is Orange Shirt Sunday and the Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day. Lanark Drum Circle will also meet in the Gym at 1:00pm.

World Wide Communion Sunday is 2 October.

Please feel free to join the folk who visit Willowdale and Van Horne Retirement Homes for Song and Prayers. We visit each first Tuesday of the month. Next is 4 October.

UCW Service is coming up on 23 October.

**Interlude** "Milanollo" (Hamm)

The Regimental March of the Coldstream Guards who, since the 1800's have been charged with protecting the Royal family

*(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**

Praise the name of the LORD.

**Blessed be the name of the LORD!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the LORD.

**We will bless God's holy name now and evermore.**

The glory of the Lord is high above the heavens,  
but God raises up the poor and needy on the earth.

**So we will sing God's praise.**

Let us worship God.

## **Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we have gathered on this Battle of Britain Sunday to give thanks for the liberty which that Battle preserved for us and the world.

We remember with gratitude the dedication and heroism of members of the Canadian, British and Allied Air Forces. We remember their successors; our sisters and brothers, young men and women now engaged in many parts of the world and pray that you would watch over them.

We pray for our Royal Canadian Air Force, that its power and skill may always be used to safeguard justice and peace.

Receive our worship this day, O God.

Speak to us in the sounds and silence of this hour,

and amaze us with your promise of new life revealed in Jesus,

and your power at work in us and among us through the

Spirit.

Amen.

**Hymn** I Vow To Thee, My Country

I vow to thee my country all earthly things above  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King,  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

## **Time With Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

**Scripture**            Amos 8:4-7  
                              "The Lord's My Shepherd" Psalm 23 (VU747) (Sung  
                              later in the Service)  
                              1 Timothy 2:1-7  
                              Luke 16:1-13

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided

what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

**Meditation**    "Highland Cathedral" (Korb)

### **High Flight**

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of...wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sun-lit silence...

Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along  
And flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delicious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew;

And while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

**Reflection**     A Community of Your Own Making

**Hymn**     "He Who Would Valiant Be"

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy, follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement, shall make him once relent,  
His first avowed intent to be a Pilgrim.

Who so beset her round, with dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound, her strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay her might, though she with giants fight,  
She will make good her right to be a Pilgrim.

Since Lord, thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labour night and day to be a Pilgrim.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

In every generation, God calls us to participate in the world's healing and renewal. The gifts we offer will help touch lives with God's renewing grace. Be generous as God is generous.

**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
- PAR

## Offering Prayer

We bring our gifts to you in gratitude for all you give us. Bless them and make them a source of healing for a world in need, for the sake of Jesus, who sends us out in love. Amen.

## Hymn 240 "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
 glad of heart your carols raise;  
 ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
 who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favour  
 shown our forebears in distress;  
 God is still the same forever,  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
 Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,  
 God knows well our feeble frame;  
 gladly all our burdens bearing,  
 still to countless years the same.  
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
 All within me, praise God's name!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the high eternal one.

Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## **Prayers of the People**

### *Prayer For the Royal Canadian Air Force -*

Almighty God,

You make the clouds Your chariot and walk upon the wings of the wind:

Have mercy, we pray You, on the members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and when they are amidst the clouds and wonders of the sky, give to them the assurance of Your protection, that they may do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is their refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God in whom we live and move and have our being,

Each week our prayers join with those of Christians around the world  
to seek your healing grace for those in need  
and to pray for justice and mercy in your fragile creation.

We thank you for the ways in which your Spirit can surprise us,  
bringing healing and hope in situations which cause us to  
despair.

Encourage us when we feel overwhelmed.

Speak to us a word of hope

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember before you today people living face to face with war  
and violence,

for the peoples of Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Myanmar, Ethiopia  
and Tigre, South Sudan.

Speak to us a word of peace

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember before you today people living with illness and  
suffering,

for those struggling with disability or waiting for treatment,  
and for those who know grief or fear or loneliness

Speak to us a word of healing

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember before you today people facing discrimination and  
social prejudice,

for those who are bullied at school, at work or at home,  
and for those who are made ashamed of who they are

Speak to us a word of dignity

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember before you people caught up in economic uncertainty,

those worried for the future, or struggling to make ends meet

Speak to us a word of reassurance

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember before you today your whole creation in its increasing vulnerability.

Teach us how to care for the rips and tears in the fabric of the world you love

so that all your creatures may live together in health and wholeness.

Speak to us a word of wisdom

**Embrace us with your love.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life,

We praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light.

We thank you for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us.

Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed,

that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ.

We ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
world without end. Amen.

Lord God, the Ancient of Days,

you are sovereign over all your people;

Give to his Majesty, King Charles,  
enduring wisdom and faith  
in the service of the people of this land  
and of you, his Lord and master.

Grant that his reign may be one of faithful witness  
And prove to others a source of hope,  
that they may come to know more fully  
your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken,  
as we offer together 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

**Avonmore-Finch-Martintown Pastoral Charge**

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

**We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love**

**Hymn** "The Lord's My Shepherd" Psalm 23 (VU747)

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.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

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

## **Benediction**

Go with confidence and commitment, to serve God in ways large and small for the sake of Christ, our friend and Saviour.

And may God bless you and keep you; may God's face shine upon you, and bring you joy and peace, now and evermore. Amen.

## **Choral Amen**

### **Postlude**      "The White Cliffs of Dover" (Kent)

There'll be bluebirds over  
    The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow, just you wait and see

There'll be love and laughter  
    And peace ever after  
Tomorrow, when the world is free

The shepherd will tend his sheep  
    The valley will bloom again  
And Jimmy will go to sleep  
    In his own little room again

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