



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - C
September 25, 2022

"at his gate lay a poor man"

Luke 16: 20

This Sunday is Orange Shirt Sunday and the Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day

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.**

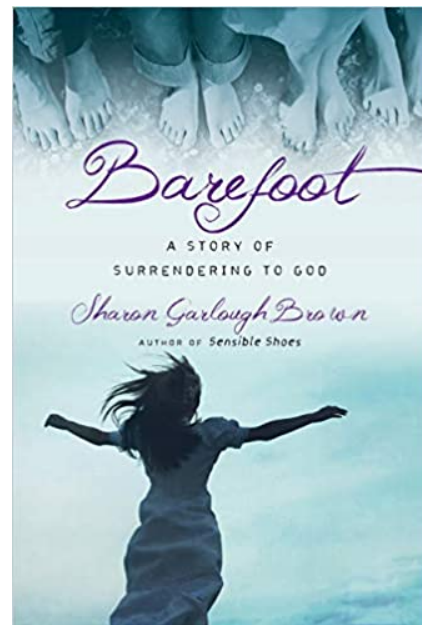
Spiritual Leadership and Communications are most grateful for the work of Bill Dickson who faithfully streams and records our services. This is a lot of work for one person. Please pray that assistance will be found for this important Ministry.

Lanark Drum Circle meets in the Gym at 1:00pm today.

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.



Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Healing Pathway meets remotely this Wednesday at 12:30

Council meets this Thursday at 7:00pm

World Wide Communion Sunday is 2 October.

9 October is Early Communion at 8:30am in the Chapel

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 Theme from "Hill Street Blues" (Post)

(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

Here God speaks to us words of challenge and comfort.

Here Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of mercy.

Even now, the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

filling us with hope and inspiring us to faithfulness.

Let us worship God, ever Three and ever One.

Let us praise God's holy name together!

Opening Prayer

Creating God,

Beauty and harmony mark your creation.

As the seasons change,

we see you are still at work in the world,

transforming hearts and situations.

We praise you for all you do to repair injustice,

to bring peace to places of war,

working for goodness to prevail in all nations.

You offer us new possibilities day by day,

and so we place our trust in your redeeming power.

Renew our energy for mission this autumn

and open our eyes to new opportunities to reach out in Jesus' name.

Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in your work,
bringing justice and joy into the world you love.

Amen.

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.

*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.

*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.

*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!"

*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!*

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God,

**You open your heart to those in need,
and to your aching creation.**

**We confess we often turn away
so that we do not have to see pain, suffering or injustice,
right before our eyes.**

**We don't like to feel uncomfortable
or pressed into service.**

Forgive us, and

**give us courage to love others as you love us
and reach out with the care we have witnessed in Jesus.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The prophet Micah declared that God requires of us three things:
to do justice,

to love kindness, and
to walk humbly with God.

To all who repent, who act for justice and seek to serve God and
neighbour in kindness,

God offers forgiveness and peace.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Scripture Amos 6:1a, 4-7
 Psalm 146 (VU 868)
 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146 (VU 868)

Refrain -

Give your praise to God, O my soul!

Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live I will praise God.

Yes, as long as I have life I will sing praises to God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any mortal,
for in them there is no help.

**When they breathe their last they return to dust;
then their plans come to nothing.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
**whose hope is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,**
the One who keeps faith for ever,
**who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

Give your praise to God, O my soul!

God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the blind.

**God straightens those who are bent;
loves those who are just.**

God cares for the stranger in the land,
and sustains the widow and orphan;
but the way of the wicked God turns to ruin.

God shall reign forever, O Zion.
your God for all generations.

Give your praise to God, O my soul!

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with

Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Meditation "For Everyone Born" (Murray)



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Cst. Andrew Hong



September 12, 2022
Gunshot



On Monday September 12, 2022 Cst. Andrew Hong was killed in an “ambush” attack during a shooting rampage that started in Mississauga west of Toronto and ended in Hamilton.

Andrew proudly served as a member of the Toronto Police Service for 22 years.

He died in the line of duty.

Hymn MV 157 "I Am A Child Of God"

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

Invitation to the Offering

Prophets and parables remind us again and again to share our wealth with those living on the margins. Your contributions to the life and mission of this congregation and to Mission and Service help change the world by bringing God's love and goodness to those standing outside the gate. Through Mission and Service, your gifts will have worldwide impact. Let us bless God with our offering.

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

Loving God, we bring you our gifts, grateful that we have something to share, and glad to be part of a network of mission and mercy which circles the earth. Bless the ministries supported by Mission and Service as well as our congregation. Use our gifts to multiply their impact in the world you love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time With Children

Orange Shirt Day

Children's Prayer

Hymn 661 "Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; come to my heart today.

Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; Teach me to walk in your way.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; Fill me with love today.

Give me the peace and joy That only you can bring.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; Give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; answer my prayer today.

Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Prayers of the People

God of mystery and wonder,

We look around at the beauty of this world
and the worlds beyond us,

and sense that you have given each precious thing its place
and a way to sustain itself.

Thank you for the care you hold for your whole creation.

We also look around at the aching of the world

and sense that many precious things are under threat.

Too many pieces of your creation have fallen out of balance with
each other.

Show us how we can help restore that balance

and protect what is at risk for the health of your whole creation.

God of all creatures great and small,

Make us stewards of what is precious to you.

God of energy and life,

We look around at the peoples of this world

and see your image and dignity in every variety of face and
culture.

Thank you for the care you hold for all humankind.

Yet we look around at the people of this world

and see the aching of the hungry and hurting;

we hear the groans of parents whose children die in their arms
and feel the tears of children whose parents die too soon.

We know neighbours who are suffering

and hear of strangers who can't imagine how to make it through
tomorrow.

Awaken our generosity to offer what healing and hope we can

to the lives you cherish in every neighbourhood and nation.

God of all creatures great and small,
Make us stewards of what is precious to you.

God of promise and possibility,
We look around at places where people collide with each other
We hear the grumbling of nations locked into old rivalries and
grievances.

We watch the jousting of leaders impressed more by polls than
effective policies.

We worry about the future of our communities and our children.
We hear your call to do justice and live generously.

Guide us as citizens to act for justice that brings peace and well being
to communities near and far.

Bless the ministries supported by Mission and Service
across Canada and around the world,
and grow in us the interest and intention to contribute to this
outreach .

God of all creatures great and small,
Make us stewards of what is precious to you.

God of faithfulness and surprise,
We look at ourselves
and sometimes doubt we can make a difference or have an
impact.

Challenge us to recognise the kinds of power we do have:

The love and compassion,
The courage and commitment,
The laughter and friendship,
The generosity and mercy

You inspire within us.
In all these gifts we know your power.
Through all these gifts, our lives have been changed.
Using these gifts in our lives,
bring Christ's love and mercy to the world you love,
And so we pray the words he 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 **Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge**

Elgin United Church

Portland United Church

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn MV 178 "Who Is My Mother?" vs. 1,3,4

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

Benediction

Go from our gathering with confidence in your hearts,
for God's Spirit goes with you to give you strength,
God's Son walks beside you to see you through each day,
and God's holy presence will bless you with grace and mercy
now and evermore. Amen.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Our Indigenous Children"
Written and sung by Flora Riley, with Betty Lou
Kemp.