



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - C
October 16, 2022

“... I have seen God face to face,
and yet my life is preserved.”
Genesis 32:30

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, our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary is 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 would welcome any surplus / used** bricks for the outline.

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

Our Book Group will resume 31 October. The book is Barefoot - A Story of Surrendering to God.

Bible Study will resume 26 October.

October 18 - **Potluck and Prayers**

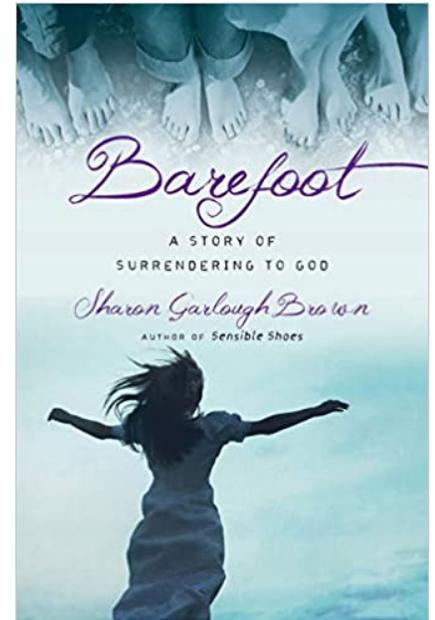
UCW Service is next Sunday, 23 October.

Linda Stronski has a Huge bowl with the beginnings of a coin collection in it. It is for a special offering on UCW Sunday, **Fellowship of the Least Coin**

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Christian women around the world meet and pray with each other. Through this, they are reminded to live a forgiving life with others. “Least coins” are given with each prayer, yet the movement is focused on prayer and reconciliation rather than money. Anyone who wishes to join makes a commitment to spend time in prayer whenever she has a strained relationship with another person, and to uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence and injustice.

The **Ministry and Personnel Committee** is the group which facilitates great communication between the congregation and Trinity’s paid staff. Any celebrations and concerns you may have with the work being done within our church are welcomed – particularly as we head towards our yearly reviews in November. Carol Williams journey@ripnet.com, and Carolyn Lunn

Duncan J Breakfast Program - 8:30 - 9:30 am Wednesday mornings



We will be having our annual “Sounds of Christmas” this year in support of the Salvation Army and the Hamper Campaign, 27 November at 6:00pm at Bethel Pentecostal Church.

Introit 430 "God Be In My Head"

(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

God promises us justice,

and teaches us persistence.

God promises us compassion,

and teaches us not to lose heart.

God promises to be with us

and teaches us to tend to each other.

So let us worship our God of comfort and challenge,

We will offer prayers and praise to our God of hope and healing.

Opening Prayer

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,

You breathe life into all things and nourish your whole creation.

You are a rock and refuge for your people,

for you are trustworthy in all things.

Your desire for peace with justice can never be defeated.

You alone can bring life out of death,

and restore wholeness to broken lives,
so we praise you and rejoice in the hope you offer.
For your love is the power at work in every situation,
seeking goodness and revealing truth,
a love that will never let us go.

In our time of worship, we offer you our love and loyalty
through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn 273 "The King of Love"

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Prayer of Confession

**God of our hopes and our hearts,
You provide the gift of faith but we lose heart.**

**Troubles weaken our trust and
disappointments eat away our commitment.
Forgive us and create in us clean hearts and in
your love, give us peace and perseverance.**

Assurance of Pardon

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress?
Peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God
who loves us.

Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us,
no matter what we have done,
God's deep love will never let us go.

Scripture

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121 (VU 842)

Luke 18:1-8

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Jacob."

Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?"

And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved."

The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121 (VU 842)

Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes:

O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise?

From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,

from God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made.

God will not suffer that thy foot be moved; safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall His eyelids close who keepeth thee.
The One who sleepeth not, who slumbereth ne'er,
shall guard thee, Israel, with most holy care.

Jehovah is Himself thy keeper true, thy changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand, thine own true aid.
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

From every evil shall God keep thy soul, from every sin;
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in.
Above thee watching, God whom we adore
shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for evermore.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Meditation "Mercies Numberless" from "Saul" (Handel)

Reflection Sometimes, We Know We Were Wrong

Hymn MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Refrain -

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain -

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

Refrain -

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

Refrain -

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

***As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.***

Invitation to the Offering

Like the widow at the judge's bench, God persists in asking for our response to needs we might think are beyond us. Trust that God will bless what we offer and do surprising things with us, for us and through us, through Christ, our Living Lord.

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

God of the great and the small, we bring what we have to share, the fruit of our lives. Bless our gifts and our lives so that generosity and justice will join hands to surprise the world with your goodness in Jesus' name.

Time for the Young

Hymn 371 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
 voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
 everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
 gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
 love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayers of the People

God of life,
 You open our eyes on the world you love
 and show us your presence and your purpose.
We see the beauty and wonder throughout creation
 and feel the love and compassion you offer through friend and
stranger.

For all these gifts we give you thanks.

We pray for those who cannot recognize these gifts in their lives.
 Open their eyes to your presence and our companionship

so that they may know your steadfast love.

God who listens, hear our prayer,
and in your mercy, answer.

God of justice,
You open our eyes on the world and its anxiety
and show us struggle and conflict.
We see the burdens many carry in these stressful times.

Today we pray for those whose businesses are struggling;
for producers unsure they will receive a fair return;
for workers uncertain about their jobs prospect;
and for families weighed down by rising costs.
Open their eyes to new possibilities
and open our eyes to ways we can support them,

God who listens, hear our prayer,
and in your mercy, answer.

God of compassion,
You open our eyes on the world in pain
and show us suffering and despair.
We see all the challenges in health care
and tired professionals stretched beyond their limits.
Renew their strength of purpose.

We pray for communities struggling with chronic hunger
as well as the shifting reality of the pandemic,
and for all who face difficult diagnoses, painful illness, or delays
in treatment.

Open their eyes to your mercy
and open our eyes to ways we can offer support.

God who listens, hear our prayer,
and in your mercy, answer.

God of wisdom,
You open our eyes on the world out of balance
and show us its many complexities.
We see old animosities and fresh upheavals
that put innocent lives at risk.
We pray for the millions displaced by current conflicts and natural
disasters,
and pray that leaders in every country and community
will attend to the suffering of their people with mercy and
justice.

Equip all those who prepare for ministry in our Colleges
with the knowledge and commitment needed to serve in
complicated times.

Open all our eyes to creative solutions
for situations which break your heart and ours.

God who listens, hear our prayer,
and in your mercy, answer.

And so we pray that your kingdom will come among us, 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.**

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn "I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

For there is therefore now no condemnation,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
For there is therefore now no condemnation,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

Benediction

In these complicated days, do not lose heart. Persevere with purpose and patience,

sure that God honours your faithfulness,

And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Gloria" (Couperin)