



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - C
November 27, 2022
Reign of Christ

“There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Luke 23: 38

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

Children’s Programming and Activities -

We need help and would love a helper... Ideas too

Our Book Group meets in the Upper Room on Mondays at 1:00pm
Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Salvation Army Kettles Mary Lynn Wilson at 613-283-3563 or
email at mary-lynn.wilson@salvationarmy.ca

If want to make a referral contact the office

Sounds of Christmas - In support of the Salvation Army and the
Hamper Campaign, 27 November at 6:00pm at Bethel Pentecostal Church



**The Barrel Boys
Bluegrass Band
Christmas Concert on Saturday,
December 3 @ 7:00pm
Along with guest musician
Campbell Woods**

Tickets will go on sale soon
\$20 In advance
\$25 at the door
Children under 13, only \$10

Bring the family!

Christmas Cards 20 November

Wendy is eager for Advent. You may send requests to her by email at w.wearl@hotmail.com or you can write your request at the back of the sanctuary. Soon, we will be decorated for Advent.

Lanark Interval House - We continue to pack a parcel for Interval House for Christmas. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be appreciated. Please consider regular and fragrance free items. Donations may be left in the box provided at the entrance of the church. Last day for donations is December 12th. Contact Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter for any questions.

UCW Budget Planning Meeting followed by pot luck lunch. We will meet on Monday, December 5 in the Church Hall at 11:00. Bring

your pot luck lunch and your own cup, plate and cutlery to ease cleaning up.

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - December 6

December 18 - **A Service of Music at Trinity**

December 21 - **The Longest Night**

December 24 - Children's Service, 4:30

Candles and Carols, 7:30

Communion, 10:30

Confirmation Class (ages 12+) is a program that provides intentional space for spiritual exploration and faith formation as youth learn more about God, the Bible, the Christian faith, the United Church of Canada, and themselves.

Participants each have a mentor, an older person of faith who walks with them through this journey.

At the end of the program, youth have the opportunity to make a decision to confirm the vows made at their baptism and formally become members of the church.

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity	
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Retirement Residences
First Tuesday, 7:00pm	Outreach and Social Justice

Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 10:00am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Second Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6:00pm	Rainbow 101
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle

Introit 59 "Joy To The World" vs 1, 4

(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

Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.

Come let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God now and always.

Opening Prayer

God of majesty and mercy,

We give you thanks and praise for your commitment to your creation.

In Jesus, you have turned the world upside down,
revealing your strength through weakness,
and your power through compassion.

In the cross you taught us
that no hopeless situation or frightening possibility is
beyond your reach.

We praise you for your love at work around us and within us,
always able to do more than we can ask or even imagine.

Receive our love and our loyalty this day,
Sovereign and Saviour. Amen.

Hymn 330 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound wheree'er he reigns:
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes.
We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding.**

**Forgive us when our commitment waivers
and we think someone else will take up the challenge.**

Inspire us with the example of Jesus,

**and energise us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd.
wherever he leads.**

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus embodied God's love and mercy so powerfully that he offered forgiveness to his tormentors from the cross. In grace he reaches out to us, too. Receive his forgiveness this day, and offer it to others for his sake.

Scripture Psalm 46 (VU770)
 Luke 23:33-43

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Refrain -

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should quake, and the
mountains fall into the depths of the sea,
**though the waters of the sea rage and foam, and the
mountains tremble at the tumult.**

Refrain -

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God,
sanctifying the dwelling of the Most High.
**God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved.
God will help at the break of day.**

Nations are in tumult, empires are shaken,
for God speaks and the earth melts away.

Refrain -

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Come and see what God has done,
the wonders wrought upon the earth.
**God makes wars to cease in all the world,
God breaks the bow and snaps the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

Be still and know that I am God,

exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth.

The God of Hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Refrain -

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Meditation "When He Cometh"

When he cometh, when he cometh,
To make up his jewels,
All his jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and his own.

Refrain -

***Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for his crown.***

Little children, little children,
Who love their Redeemer,
Are the jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and his own.

Refrain -

***Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for his crown.***

Reflection

Story of the Table

When we gather at this table, we remember how this meal began,
how it has promised hope and new life to Jesus' friends
from one generation to the next.

According to Luke, when Jesus was at table with his disciples,
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

So as we break this bread and share this cup
In the name of our Risen King,
may our eyes be opened to recognize Jesus present with us
here.

And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,
let us also bless God for what we are about to receive.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

All powerful and ever-living God,
We do well, always and everywhere, to give you thanks
through Jesus.

With Jesus and the Holy Spirit,
You are God, wise and wonderful;
You are God, great and good;
You are God, awesome and peace-loving;
You are God, holy and worthy of honour;
You are God, living and true.

And so, Holy One and Holy Three, we praise your name
with the angels and the saints,
with the heavens and the earth and all your creatures high and
low:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
In Jesus you lived among us,

healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to feast with you.

He healed the sick though he himself suffered.

He offered life to sinners though death hunted him down.

With a love stronger than death,

he opened his arms on the Cross and surrendered his Spirit.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine;

that they may be for us Christ's body and life blood,

healing, forgiving and making us whole.

So may we become Christ's body, the Church, serving with love in creation

until that day when all creation feasts in the presence of God,
in the fullness of mercy and peace,

which we taste today through the grace of Jesus Christ
our Lord

who taught us to pray for God's kingdom to come -

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.**

Hymn MV 195 "Long Ago And Far Away"

Long ago and far away Jesus lived and worked and prayed;
Healed the sick and the fearful and lonely
Lived his life to show us God's way.

Jesus called all his friends to be with him
Share the bread and the cup once again
Life to you I will offer it gladly
Love will be with you right to the end.

Stretched his arms out as he said
Fill the cup and share the bread
Remember me in love and joy and blessing

Breaking the Bread

On the night before he met with death,
Jesus came to the table with those he loved.
He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation.

He broke the bread, saying

**Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body, given for you.**

Sharing the Cup

After supper he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you,
God of all creation.

He passed the cup among his disciples, saying

**Take this, all of you and drink from it.
This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.**

Invitation to the Offering

The story of Jesus offering forgiveness out from the Cross reminds us of the mercy and compassion we have received from God. We offer our gifts in gratitude for this love, so that the world will continue to be touched by such mercy and compassion.

Offering Options

- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, you envision a world where the hungry are fed and strangers are welcomed. We bring you our gifts to share in that vision.

With your blessing, may our gifts bear fruit in Christ's name, and offer his blessing to those we serve for his sake. Amen.

Time for the Young

Hymn 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain -

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell and the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow?

Refrain -

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide you can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil.

Refrain -

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore.

Refrain -

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Prayers of the People

We give you thanks that you reign through love
as the power that embraces the world with mercy and hope.

Thank you for revealing that to trust is wisdom,
to forgive is the best way to deal with enemies,
and to serve is the best way to lead.

We pray that, through the grace of your kingdom,
each beloved creature and citizen will know safety and satisfaction in
their homes.

Let the vision of your peaceable kingdom take root in our hearts,
bringing healing to families and communities,
and in every place wounded by violence or destruction.

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
reign in us and among us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
We give you thanks for reaching out to those on the margins
and those others shunned,
so that each one knew they belonged in your kingdom.

We pray for those who face discrimination or insecurity in our
communities,
longing for respect and a change to thrive.

Teach us how to live differently as neighbours,
to acknowledge and work with others we've never worked with
before.

Lead us by your Spirit
to share in your work of mending the world.

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
reign in us and among us.

Thank you for enduring the pain of the cross and the darkness of the
tomb
to show us there is life beyond death through your resurrecting
love.

We pray for those who are grieving a loss this day,
the loss of someone beloved,
the loss of love or hope or trust,
the loss of opportunity or security or future plans.

Be present with all who the sadness and disruption of a loss,
and bring each one comfort and courage.

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
reign in us and among us.

This day we pray for your church at work in the world,
confronting the challenges and changes of these times.

Unite us in witness and service,
and encourage us when difficulties arise,
for we are your people, committed to the unfolding of your
reign among us.

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Manotick United Church

[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

**East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia,
Philippines**

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn 334 "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,

Refrain

***and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.***

O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace

Refrain

Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain you trod,

Refrain

Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

O that, with all the sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall;
join in the everlasting song,

Refrain

Benediction

Go in love and loyalty, knowing that Christ goes before, Christ goes
behind you,

Christ walks beside you and Christ lives within you.

And may the grace of our Jesus, the love of God and
communion in the Holy Spirit be yours, now and evermore. Amen.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Joy To The world" (Young)