



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Third Sunday After Epiphany - A
January 22, 2023

“...he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

Matthew 4:19

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

Welcoming New Members - this phase of exploration is a good time to join us, as we listen for our Call together.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations

Please pray for our **Children and Children's Programming**. In person Sunday School is the last Sunday of the Month

The Christian Community Team would like to know if there are those willing and able to pick somebody up on the way to church.

Soaking Prayer is offered each Sunday following the Service in the Chapel

January 25,
10:00am, **Bible Study**
12:30pm **Healing Pathway**
7:00pm, **Council**

January 29,
12:30pm, **Drum Circle**

February 12,
8:30am, **Early Communion**
9:00am, **Choir Practice**

The Belonging Project - Experience and practice good connection through this introductory series of five sessions. Tuesday, 31 January to 28 February, 3-5pm in the Trinity Chapel

Want to know more? See the December Communicator or contact Carol Williams, 613 269 4427, journey@ripnet.com

Please plan to attend all five sessions for the full two hours

Confirmation Class will be held in the New Year

Introit 958 "Halle, Halle"

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

The Lord is our light and salvation.
We will not be afraid.

Behold the beauty of the Lord!

God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

Let God's people shout for joy!

For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,

You shepherd us by still waters
and guide us along paths of justice and peace.

You send your comfort and courage to relieve our tears and fears
in the shadows of death.

We offer our praise in love and loyalty
for you are always with us.

Hymn MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

*The tune "Wild Mountain Thyme" is a Scottish Folk Song
... despite what MV says*

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.***

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**You call us to follow your way of compassion
but too often we criticize.**

**You call us to follow your way of peace
but too often we remain guarded.**

You call us to trust you

but too often our fears and doubts guide us.

Forgive us

and strengthen our commitment to follow your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God calls to us in love and forgiveness, and welcomes us in with a warm embrace.

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace with God, yourself and with each other.

Scripture Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (VU754)
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (VU754)

Refrain -

***God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.***

God is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?

**God is the stronghold of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I have asked of God, for which I long:

that I may dwell in God's house all the days of my life,
**to gaze on your beauty, O God,
and to seek you in your temple.**

For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter;

**you will hide me under the cover of your tent,
you will set me high upon a rock.**

And now you have raised my head

above my enemies round about me.

**Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
a sacrifice with great gladness.**

Refrain -

*God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.*

Hear my voice, O God, when I call;
have mercy and answer me.

Your face, O God, I seek.

**Do not hide your face from me;
do not reject your servant in anger,
you who have been my helper.**

Refrain -

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I shall not be afraid.*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with

eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Meditation "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose" (Burns)

Reflection Let Leaders lead

Hymn 96 "Will You Come and See The Light"

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?

It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.

It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are;

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

“Will you step into the light that can free the slave?

It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.

By the pyramids of greed there’s a longing to be freed;

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you tell about the light in the prison cell;

Though it’s shackled out of sight, it is shining well.

When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused;

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl’s eyes;

Of the mighty put to flight by a baby’s cries?

When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast,

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?

In the candle lit at night there’s a gleam of dawn,

And the darkness all about is too dim to put it out;

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?”

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus called the first disciples who did not know that we would follow their example so many centuries later.

We bring our gifts in Jesus' name, not knowing whose lives will be touched, but trusting that something good will come of everything we offer to God.

Offering Options

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

Offering Prayer

God of the fishers who first followed Jesus, you have called us to follow and here we are.

We offer what we have and ask you to bless our gifts.

Give us the courage we need to invite others to join us in following Jesus, our friend and saviour. Amen.

Time for the Young

Hymn 879 "The Race That Long in Darkness Pined"

The race that long in darkness pined
have see a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

To hail, you, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come,
Rejoicing as when reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

To us a child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given'
Him shall the people all obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
forevermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

Prayers of the People

God in whom we live and move and have our being,
We join with Christians around the world
to pray for peace and unity, and for justice and mercy in your
fragile creation.

We remember before you today people living face to face with war
and violence,
especially those places where ancient hatreds burn.

God, speak to us a word of peace
Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today people living face to face with economic uncertainty,
those struggling with rising costs of daily necessities,
and those who have lost their jobs, their savings, their homes or businesses.

And we pray for people in other regions of Canada who face different challenges than we do...

God, speak to us a word of reassurance
Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today people living face to face with discrimination and social prejudice, those who are bullied at school, at work or at home,
and all those who have been made ashamed of who they are...

God, speak to us a word of dignity
Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today people living face to face with illness and suffering,
those waiting for diagnosis or treatment,
those struggling with disability or delay in medical attention,
and those who know grief or fear...

God, speak to us a word of healing
Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today people of different creeds and faiths,
those who seek understanding and co-operation among different religious traditions,

and those who show love to their neighbours, whatever their
creed or conviction...

God, speak to us a word of reconciliation

Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today your whole creation and its many
vulnerable facets and faces.

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

so we may live together wisely and protect the future in our
attitudes and actions ...

God, speak to us a word of wisdom

Embrace us with your love.

And so, in unity with your Church around the world you love,
we pray together the words Jesus taught us -

The Lord's Prayer "Millennium Prayer" (Richard)

The Lord's Prayer set to "Auld Lang Syne"

Our Father who art in Heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as in heaven

Give us to thee our daily bread

And forgive our sins

As we forgive each one of those who sin against us

And lead us not to the time of trial

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory

Lead us not to the time of trial

Keep us from evil

For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory

Let all the people sing Amen

In every tribe and tongue

Let every hearts desire be joined

To see the kingdom come

Let every hope and every dream

Be born in love again

Let all the world sing with one voice

Let the people say amen

Amen Amen Amen

Amen Amen Amen

[EOORC Prayer Cycle](#)

Perth Road Pastoral Charge

[Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

Cyprus, Greece, Turkey

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn 273 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (St. Columba)

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.

Benediction

Go into the world to live out the gift of unity in Christ,
 eager to serve and open to learn from the Christ who calls us
and sets us free.

May the love of God,
 the peace of Christ and
unity in the Holy Spirit

be yours now and always. Amen

Choral Amen

Postlude "Highland Cathedral" (Korb)

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity

Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am	Property Team / Church Hall
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Retirement Residences
First Tuesday, 7:00pm	Outreach and Social Justice
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team / Upper Room
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 10:00am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
Second Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6:00pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Every Sunday, 11:30am	Soaking Prayer
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle