



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Transfiguration Sunday - A
February 19, 2023

“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

Matthew 17:5b

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 pray for our **Children and Children’s Programming**. In person Sunday School is the 2nd and 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

Social Time after church - sign up sheet for individuals and groups to take a turn posted in the Hall

Potluck, Prayers and Pancakes - Shrove Tuesday, 21 February.

What is the “Potluck” part?” “People are asked to bring compliments to pancakes.” ... Pancakes and Syrup are taken care of. You may wish to bring other toppings or sides.

February 20,

1:00pm, **Book Group**

3:30pm, **Confirmation**

Sessions

February 21, **Visitation**

3:00, **The Belonging Project**

6:00pm, **Potluck and Prayers**

- **Shrove Tuesday**

February 22,

10:30am, **Ash Wednesday**

11:30am, **Lenten Discussion**

12:30, **Healing Pathway**

6:30pm, **Ash Wednesday**

7:15pm, **Council**

February 26,

12:30, **Drum Circle**

Annual Meeting, 5 March 2023, 10:20am

Coming Up -

Pie Day Sunday - 12 March

Annual Reports are available at the back of the church

Introit "Snowbird" (MacLellan)

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 rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

We praise God's awesome name!

The Lord loves justice and calls us together in equity.

We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.

The Christ of glory shines in this place.

With the Spirit's power, we will lift our voices in prayer and praise!

Opening Prayer

God of grace and wonder,

You reveal your presence in many ways.

Your glory glistens on snowy mountain tops and sparkling streams.

Your mercy moves in classroom conversations and bedside prayers.

Your word of comfort frees us from fear;

Your voice can transform our doubts.

We come before you in worship

to dwell in your goodness and seek your truth,

as we offer all praise and honour to you,

with Christ and the Holy Spirit, One God,

mighty and merciful, now and always. Amen.

Hymn 266 "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me
home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun

Prayer of Confession

God of mystery and mercy,

**We confess we sometimes mistake our own desires for your will.
We are reluctant to hear a word that challenges our assumptions.
We seek assurances that we are right,
and resist insights from the experience of others.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Shape our will to yours,
so we can dwell more closely with you and with one another.**

**Forgive us, O God;
and give us courage to follow the paths you set for your people.**

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. God offers us mercy and newness of life this day, so be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 99 (VU 819)
 Matthew 17:1-9

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99 (VU 819)

Refrain -

***You rule with justice in delight,
and faithfulness maintain.***

You reign, O God, and the peoples tremble,
you sit enthroned upon the cherubim, and the earth is quaking.
You, O God, are great in Zion,
you are exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name:
holy are you and mighty, a ruler who delights in justice.
You have determined what is fair,
you have done in Jacob what is just and right.

Refrain -

You rule with justice in delight,
and faithfulness maintain.

Moses and Aaron were among your priests,
Miriam among those who called on your name;
they called to you, God, and you answered.
In the pillar of cloud you spoke to them,
they kept your teachings and the law that you gave them.

O God, our God, you answered them;
to them you were a forgiving God,
though you punished their offences.

Proclaim the greatness of God
and worship on God's holy hill;
for God, our God, is the Holy One.

Refrain -

You rule with justice in delight,
and faithfulness maintain.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Meditation "Field Behind The Plow" (Rogers)

Reflection Fishing Tip Five

Pay for What You Want Not What You Have

Hymn MV 126 "Are You A Shepherd"

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger, while calming our fears?

Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.

Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best?

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight.

Invitation to the Offering

God reached out to the world in Jesus, calling us to share God's transforming love. We offer our gifts as a sign of our readiness to follow, praying they will become tangible tokens of that transforming love.

Offering Options

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

Offering Prayer

God of love that transforms lives, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we have received in Jesus, your beloved Son.

Take our gifts and transform them into acts of love that will bless the world in his name. Amen.

Hymn 747 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

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,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none 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 forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Prayers of the People

God of life, God of love,
You created us and set us in relationship with each other
in families and neighbourhoods,
in communities and countries,
in cultures and nations.

Thank you for the inheritance offered by previous generations
which helped establish our families and our common life.

We are grateful for the meaning and encouragement we can draw
from our heritage.

Help us stand open to the wisdom in other cultures and insight from a
new generation
so we can all contribute something to the well-being of wherever
we home:

God of the human family
Hear our prayers for your world.

God of our faith and our future,
There are many pressures on families today.
Draw near to those struggling in economic difficulty,
and those burdened by challenges to their health and
happiness.

Work with families where members are in conflict with each other
to create solutions that express mutual respect.

Make us a congregation that supports families, whatever their size or
situation,
as well as people living on their own.

Help us find joy and support together as part of the family of your
people.

God of the human family
Hear our prayers for your world.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
You call us to live together in peace and unity.
Where people are divided and bitterness turns into resentment,

show us how to work for reconciliation.

Where violence and fear turn neighbour against neighbour, or
nation against nation,

call out leaders to work for justice that will bring peace.

Help us build a world where children can grow up to enjoy their
future

in good health and happiness

God of the human family

Hear our prayers for your world.

God who is our hope and our help,

Thank you for the inheritance we share as church members,

for the gifts of so many generations handed along to teach us
your wisdom

and inspire us with a vision of the new things you make
possible.

Teach us how to learn from tradition

but also to recognize the work of the Spirit to keep reforming us
in the faith.

Build up the family of this church.

Help each one find a place and a purpose in our mission and
ministry ,

using use their talents and sharing their vision for our future
with you.

And now as a part of your family called together over the centuries,
we pray the words Jesus gave 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

Aylmer-Eardley Pastoral Charge
Centre Eardley United Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

France, Germany, Monaco

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

**Time for the Young -
Children's Hymn**

Hymn MV 214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"

May God's sheltering wings,
 their gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
 their cradling arms sustain you,
 and hold you in their love,
 and hold you in their love.

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Benediction

We have witnessed Christ, God's Beloved, on the mountain in glory.
Now, go into the world to shine the light of his glory with grace
and compassion.

May God's beauty inspire you;
May Christ's brilliance restore you;
And may the joy of the Holy Spirit empower you to shine in every
place you go. Amen.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Out On The Mira" (MacGillivray)

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
Second Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle