



**TRINITY**  
UNITED CHURCH  
*Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada*

Second Sunday of Easter - A  
Earth / Camping Sunday  
April 16, 2023

“The Lord God took the human and  
settled them in the garden of Eden to  
farm it and to take care of it.

*Genesis 2:15*

### 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
- † We Welcome Teddy Dong, our guest speaker this morning.

18 April

UCW Visits Van Horne

6:00pm, Potluck and Prayers

19 April

10:00am, Bible Study

22 April

7:00pm, The Barrel Boys

29 April

8:00am-1:30pm, New to You Sale

30 April

Trinity's 191st Anniversary /  
Finger Food Luncheon

6 May

Coronation of King Charles III

7 May

Discernment and Visioning /  
Potluck Workshop

20, 21 & 22 May

Mushroom Compost Sale

27 May

Geranium Sale by pre-order

10 June (Saturday)

Discernment and Visioning

**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates donations

Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of the Month

**Social Time after church** - sign up in the Hall

The UCW will be hosting a watch party for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May, 2023. Viewing will be streamed in the Sanctuary from 11:00am to 2:00pm, followed by High Tea in the Fellowship Hall with a freewill offering.

**New to You Sale** - 29 April, 8:00am - 1:30pm. We welcome items such as - clothing, shoes, purses, scarves, soft cover books, puzzles, small pictures, jewellery, trinkets, odds and ends, dishes Etc. ... please no large appliances.

Please do not drop off before 2 April. When you drop items off, place them on the tables along the wall between the bathrooms. Please do not place items on the stage.

Inquiries may be made with Glenda Zieman at 613-283-2728

Trinity will be celebrating its 191st Anniversary, April 30. There will be a **Finger Food Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall. If your last name begins with the letters A to M please, bring the 1st course. If your last name begins with the letters N to Z, please bring dessert.

**Broadview magazine group subscription** – If you wish to order the Broadview magazine as part of the group subscription, please forward your name to Brenda King at [bking1528@gmail.com](mailto:bking1528@gmail.com).

The cost is \$25 for the coming year and can be placed in the offering plate in an envelope indicating your name and that is for Broadview magazine, or you can drop it off at the church office. Deadline is 14 May.

SATURDAY  
APRIL 22  
7:00 PM



TICKETS  
\$20 \$25  
IN ADVANCE AT THE DOOR

WITH SPECIAL GUEST CAMPBELL WOODS

## BLUEGRASS AND ROOTS MUSIC



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OR AT TRINITY UNITED (613) 283-4933

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

41 MARKET STREET, SMITHS FALLS, ON

Sunday, April 23, they will be with us during worship. The Sunday offering is for the life and work of Trinity United Church.



**Discernment and Visioning Sessions** will be held at Trinity with the guidance of the Rev Dr Peter Bartlett.

**Session One - Who are We?**

Sunday, 7 May, following Worship. Potluck Workshop

**Session Two - Where is God Calling Us to Go?**

Saturday, 10 June. Potluck Workshop

**Session Three - What Does that Look Like? (Creative Brainstorming)**

Sunday, 9 July, following Worship. Potluck Workshop



**July 17 - 21**  
**Trinity Smiths Falls**

**Earth Day / Camping Sunday**, with our very own Teddy Dong ...  
Following the Fellowship Time we are invited to join the Outreach Team for a local clean up.



**Annual Mushroom Compost Sale - Long Weekend – Saturday, 20 May to Monday, 22 May.** Will be sold at the Real Deal Parking Lot at 85 William Street, Smiths Falls. \$1000 per 30 litre bag

If you are interested in ordering **Geraniums**, please call the Church Office. The cost is \$12 for a package of 4 plants and you can mix the colours – red, white, pink, orange and salmon. Order soon to avoid disappointment. Pick up will be on Saturday, May 27th, 2023, 9:00am 12:00pm.

Next Sunday, we celebrate our **Anniversary of becoming an Affirming Congregation** with Mary Wright.

April 28 is the **National Day of Mourning**, dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, suffered injury or illness on the job, or experienced a work-related tragedy.

### **Stewardship Notes -**

Opportunities to Support the Life and Work at Trinity

**Geranium Sale** by pre-order (pick up Sat 27 May )

**Earth Day & Camping Sunday** – UCW collection for Campers, Sunday, 16 April

The **Barrel Boys Bluegrass Band** with **Special Guest Campbell Woods**, Saturday, 22 April

**UCW New to You Sale**, Saturday, 29 April



**Bagging Compost** at the Real Deal store parking lot, Week of 15  
May

**Annual Compost Sale**, 20, 21 & 22 May

**UCW Strawberry Social**, June

**Peter Woods & Friends Concert**, Saturday, 23 September

**Harvest Supper**, October

**UCW Wreath Sale (Pre-Order)**, October

**Holly Fair**, Saturday, 4 November

**The Barrel Boys Bluegrass Band Christmas Concert**, December

**Introit** 381 "Spirit of Life"

## **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**

All things of God, all the heavens,  
**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,  
**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,  
**Worship and praise your Maker.**

Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,  
all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,  
**Let us worship and praise our Maker together.**

## Opening Prayer

God our Maker,

We come giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation,  
the great theatre of your glory.

We praise you for the detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers,

for the wisdom and growth that comes with age,  
for the strength to serve you,  
for your glory seen in pussy willows greeting the spring,  
and in each rock face worn by wind and water.

These details lift our hearts to praise you.

So let the details of the story the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day,  
that we too may discover him in our midst,  
making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit.  
Amen

## Hymn 289 "It Only Takes A Spark"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:

*That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it:  
You spread God's love to everyone,  
You want to pass it on.*

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;

*That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it:  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
You want to pass it on.*

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found –  
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;

I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Creator God,**

**We come before you in a time of crisis.**

**We know that much of your creation struggles;  
we acknowledge the changes around us;  
we search for the causes and the cures and the  
collaborative ways we can commit to care for creation.**

**We want to do what is right  
but we don't always know what that is  
or agree how best to do it.**

**Help us learn what we must,  
listening to the diverse voices of creation itself.**

**Help us understand and love what you have loved and called  
“very good.”**

**Enliven that understanding, we ask,  
to allow ourselves to be moved to act as we should and to  
halt actions that harm.**



**Guide us as we try to discern how best to truly listen to each other as well as creation  
and heed your call.**

**We ask for forgiveness where we have taken too much or cared too little,  
for hearts willing to listen and change and will to follow through.**

**May the knowledge of your presence and the assurance of your love  
shape our time here and always.**

**We pray in your name, Amen.**

*—From For the Love of Creation, Faithful Climate Conversations*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The risen Christ is in our midst, speaking words of peace and forgiveness to us today. Do not doubt these gifts are for you. Be at peace with yourself and with one another. Amen

**Scripture**                Psalm 16 (VU 738)  
                                 1 Peter 1:3-9  
                                 John 20:19-31

Psalm 16 (VU 738)

***Refrain -***

***Protect me, God: I trust in you.***

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I have said to God, “You are my God;  
from you alone comes all my prosperity.”  
**All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land,  
and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods,  
their troubles shall be multiplied.  
**Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods,  
nor will I take their names upon my lips.**

*Refrain -*

***Protect me, God: I trust in you.***

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;  
**you yourself have cast my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
**indeed I have a noble heritage.**

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;  
**at night also you teach my heart.**

I keep you always before me;  
**you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.**

*Refrain -*

***Protect me, God: I trust in you.***

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
for my body shall also rest in safety.  
**For you will not surrender me to the Grave,  
nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life.

**In your presence is fullness of joy;  
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

*Refrain -*

*Protect me, God: I trust in you.*

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins

of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Meditation**    "Satan's Kingdom Fallen Down"

**Reflection**    Teddy Talk - Stewards of Creation  
*Teddy Dong*

**Hymn**    "Dem Bones"

Ezekiel cried, “Them dry bones”  
Ezekiel cried, “Them dry bones”  
Ezekiel cried, “Them Dry Bones”  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

The toe bone connected to the foot bone  
The foot bone connected to the heel bone  
The heel bone connected to the ankle bone  
The ankle bone connected to the leg bone  
The leg bone connected to the knee bone  
The knee bone connected to the thigh bone  
The thigh bone connected to the hip bone  
The hip bone connected to the back bone

*Now hear the word of the Lord.*

*Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around,  
Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around,  
Them bone, them bones, gonna walk around.*

*Oh hear the word of the Lord.*

The thigh bone connected to the hip bone,  
The hip bone connected to the back bone  
The back bone connected to the head bone  
The finger bone connected to the hand bone  
The hand bone connected to the arm bone  
The arm bone connected to the shoulder bone  
The shoulder bone connected to the neck bone  
The neck bone connected to the head bone

*Now hear the word of the Lord.*

*Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around  
Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around  
Them bones, them bones gonna walk around*

*Oh hear the word of the Lord (and repeat!)*



## Invitation to the Offering

Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and his side.

When we give our gifts in Jesus' name, we can touch the wounds of the world with his healing power. Give, knowing you will make a difference for Christ's sake.

## Offering Options

- E-transfers to [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

## Offering Prayer

Giver of every good and perfect gift, in Jesus we see the power of sacrifice, and trust the hope of resurrection he offers.

Receive our gifts given in gratitude for all we have received in him.

Bless all that we give so that his healing work in the world may continue.

## Hymn "If You're Happy and You Know It"

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

If you're happy and you know it, then your life will surely show it;

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

"If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet!",

"If you're happy and you know it, say 'amen!'; and,

"If you're happy and you know it, do all three!"

"... slap your knees!"  
    "... slap your legs!"  
"... turn around!"  
    "... snap your fingers!"  
"... nod your head!"  
    "... tap your toe!"  
"... honk your nose!"  
    "... pat your head!"

## **Prayers of the People**

God of new Life,  
    Jesus spoke words of peace to his friends.

Thank you for strengthening our faith  
    and offering us that peace as we live in you day by day.

We are grateful that you give us courage to face our fears and  
struggles,  
    patience to endure moments when the way ahead is not clear,  
    and resilience to meet changing realities.  
Make us a source of peace and resilience for Christ's sake.

Loving God,  
    We pray for the many places of brokenness in our world.  
    We think especially of those weighed down by economic  
pressures,  
        and people still recovering from the effects of the  
pandemic.  
    We pray for people and communities at odds over policies and  
opinions,  
        and those who feel their concerns are going unheard.  
We pray for the earth itself under the impact of human activity

and for those working to protect its future.  
Grant the earth and all its peoples your gifts of hope and healing.

Gracious God, you are so good to us.

Today we offer a prayer of thanksgiving  
for all of the blessings revealed to us  
through Christian camping and outdoor ministries.  
For the gifts of your good creation,  
which we encounter when we are camping:  
for forests and fields, beaches, streams and lakes,  
sunrises and sunsets, wind and rain,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For your gift of time and the cycle of nature;  
for opportunities in the out-of-doors to reflect,  
and to feel your presence very near to us;  
for rest and recreation,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the dedication of countless people  
who have supported this ministry  
through offerings of time and talent:  
builders, counsellors, and instructors;  
for the gifts of all who create and maintain  
an environment of faithfulness and healing  
through their example at camp,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the blessings you make known to us  
through those who participate at camp;

for the questions and discoveries; for the friendships and fun;  
for the music and stories,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

Bless the ministry of camps and retreat centres,  
a ministry which is ours in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

*Robyn Brown Hewitt—from Celebrate God's Presence*

### **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**

Lakeshore Drive United Church

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

**We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love**

## **Time for the Young - Rainstorm**

*by Karen Bridges and Shauna Gibbons—from Camping  
Sunday Service 2005*

### **Hymn    412   "This Is The Day"**

This is the day, this is the day  
    that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
    and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
    that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us  
    your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
    to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
    we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,  
    we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
    for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
    we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God,  
    we will praise your name.



## **Benediction**

Go and act, for the care of creation.

Go and learn, for the sake of creation.

Go and pray, for the love of creation.

And may

the care of God enfold you,

the passion of the Risen Christ embolden you,

and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit empower you,

now and forever,

Amen.

## **Choral Amen**

## **Postlude "Sweet Caroline"**



<b>Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity</b>	
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