



Third Sunday of Easter - A  
April 23, 2023

“Body and soul,  
I am marvelously made!  
I worship in adoration -  
what a creation!”

*Psalm 139:14*



## 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 Mary Wright, our guest speaker this morning.

We Welcome the Barrel Boys this Morning too!

This morning, we celebrate our  
**Anniversary of becoming an Affirming  
Congregation.**

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.



**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.

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 Linda 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.



**Rainbow 101** - 12 May - We welcome Francois Zarraga, aka Miss Cleo Longaria, a Kitigan Zibi Anishinaabe Algonquin Elder 2S. We will learn of the intersectionality between 2SLGBTQIA folk and the Indigenous community. Potluck at 6:00pm, Presentation at 7:00 pm

**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.

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| 29 April<br>8:00am-1:30pm, New to You Sale                        | 7 May<br>Discernment and Visioning              |
| 30 April<br>Trinity's 191st Anniversary /<br>Finger Food Luncheon | 12 May<br>6:00pm, Rainbow Sabbath               |
| May 1<br>1:00pm, UCW at Van Horne                                 | 20, 21 & 22 May<br>Mushroom Compost Sale        |
| 6 May<br>Coronation of King Charles III                           | 27 May<br>Geranium Sale by pre-order            |
|   | 10 June (Saturday)<br>Discernment and Visioning |

**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

**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. \$10.00 per 30 litre bag

If you are interested in ordering **Geraniums**, please call the Church Office. The cost is \$12.00 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.



**July 17 - 21 Trinity Smiths Falls**

## **Stewardship Notes -**

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

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

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

**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

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

**Introit** Barrel Boys

## **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**

We have come from many places, following different roads.

**We come hungering for greater understanding.**

We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

**We come seeking companions in the faith.**

We have come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.

**We come to grow as disciples of Christ.**

Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

## Opening Prayer

Loving God,

We gather in Jesus' name,

united by your Spirit to your followers throughout all time and space.

It is amazing to remember that the stories we hear about you today

have transformed so many other lives for so many centuries.

It is amazing to consider how lives not so very different from our own

carried your love from one generation to another,  
from one church to another,  
from one part of the world to another.

As we join together in worship,

open our eyes to new opportunities to express our love for you,  
and share your love in the lives we touch;

for we are your people

and we praise God in your holy name. Amen

**Hymn** MV 1 "Let Us Build A House" vs. 1,3,4,5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***Refrain -***

***All are wel-come, all are wel-come,  
All are wel-come in this place.***

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;  
A banquet hall on ho-ly ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

***Refrain -***

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've  
known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

***Refrain -***

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the  
Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of  
grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

***Refrain -***

**Prayer of Confession**

**We acknowledge ways we sometimes lose track of you.**

**We are driven and feel busy,**



**we let other things come before you.**

**Changes upend us.**

**Forgive us when we forget that you are with us.**

**Renew us in your love.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

On the Emmaus road, Jesus met friends who were discouraged and distracted.

When he spoke God's word to them, their hearts burned within them. Hear God's word of forgiveness today. May God's love warm your hearts with a promise of peace and new life.

**Scripture**                Psalm 139:1-18  
                                 Luke 24:13-35

Psalm 139:1-18 - The Message

***Refrain -***

***God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through***

God, investigate my life;  
get all the facts firsthand.  
I'm an open book to you;  
even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking.  
**You know when I leave and when I get back;  
I'm never out of your sight.**

You know everything I'm going to say  
before I start the first sentence.



I look behind me and you're there,  
then up ahead and you're there, too—  
your reassuring presence, coming and going.  
**This is too much, too wonderful—  
I can't take it all in!**

*Refrain -*

*God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through*

Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit?  
to be out of your sight?  
**If I climb to the sky, you're there!  
If I go underground, you're there!**

If I flew on morning's wings  
to the far western horizon,  
**You'd find me in a minute—  
you're already there waiting!**

Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark!  
At night I'm immersed in the light!"  
**It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you;  
night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.**

*Refrain -*

*God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through*

Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;  
you formed me in my mother's womb.  
**I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!  
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!**

## **I worship in adoration—what a creation!**

You know me inside and out,  
you know every bone in my body;  
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,  
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.  
**Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;  
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,  
The days of my life all prepared  
before I'd even lived one day.**

*Refrain -*

*God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through*

Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful!  
God, I'll never comprehend them!  
**I couldn't even begin to count them—  
any more than I could count the sand of the sea.  
Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you!**

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Luke 24:13-35 - *The Message*

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, “What’s this you’re discussing so intently as you walk along?”

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, “Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard what’s happened during the last few days?”

He said, “What has happened?”

They said, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn’t find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn’t see Jesus.”

Then he said to them, “So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can’t you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don’t you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?” Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.” So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. “Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?”

They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!”

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

**Meditation**    The Barrel Boys

**Reflection**    Born This Way - What a Creation!  
*Mary Wright*

**Hymn**    MV 138 "My Love Colours Outside The Lines"

My love colours outside the lines,  
Exploring paths that few could ever find;  
And takes me into places where I’ve never been before,  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,  
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
And takes me into places where I’ve never been before  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

*We’ll never walk on water if we’re not prepared to drown,  
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we’ll never move the gravestones if we’re not prepared to die,  
And realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,  
Throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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## **Invitation to the Offering**

Our lives overflow with God's blessing and goodness in Christ and in creation. Out of the bounty of our lives, let us offer God our gifts with overflowing gratitude.

## **Offering Options**

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

## **Offering Prayer**

Generous God, you bless us with life, purpose, and opportunities to serve in the world you love. We offer you our gifts in Christ's name, not

seeking greater gain, but desiring to enrich life around us with your love.  
Amen

**Hymn**    MV 145   "Draw The Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,  
‘Round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
In God’s gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
So encompass great and small;  
Let our loving know no borders,  
Faithful to God’s call.

Let the dreams we dream be larger  
Than we’ve ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us,  
Open every door.

**National Day of Mourning**

The National Day of Mourning is not only a day to remember and honour those lives lost or injured due to a workplace tragedy, but also a day to collectively renew our commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace and prevent further injuries, illnesses and deaths.

Video -

## **Prayers of the People**

Loving God,

We remember tragedies  
that do not make sense to us.

We remember those connected to our community who have been  
killed or injured in the workplace.

Some we know. Some we love. Some we continue to mourn.

Joey Drummond  
Ronald Craig  
Robert David Rodford  
Robert Campbell  
Gordon Leggett  
G. Ritchie Stanzel  
David Lemay

Stephen McMullen  
Bruce Halladay  
Matthew McDougall  
Carl J. Donahue  
Georgie Anne Burrows  
C. Kenneth Learmonth  
Luke MacIver

We lift up the countless others across our nation who were likewise  
lost or injured -

mothers and fathers,  
sisters and brothers,  
sons and daughters,  
friends and neighbours.

### ***Moment of Silence***

We mourn those who have lost their lives at work.  
Be with co-workers, families and friends,



may the grieving know comfort and hope.

May families and friends be comforted by the loving support of others.

We pray for those injured on the job,  
grant healing, restore hope and self-esteem.

Teach us to show care to those  
who are unable to return to work after injury.

Teach us to treat with respect those  
who return to work in modified employment.

As we remember the lost and injured, help each of us  
to commit to workplace safety and health so that  
all places of work are life giving and  
free of unnecessary danger.

We remember those whose work is dangerous -  
loggers, fishers, pilots and  
flight engineers, roofers,  
structural iron and steel workers,  
garbage and recyclables collectors,  
highway flag people, farmers.

We pray for safety for these workers and all  
workers, grant protection we pray.

We pray for safety officers and employee training programs.  
Use these programs,  
use the skills and foresight of safety officers,  
to develop and train workers

for safe work environments.

We pray for workers we meet and whose services we employ.  
Deepen our commitment to safe work practices.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus,  
whose work was dangerous and  
whose followers did dangerous work.

God our Maker,

You have walked the Emmaus Road with your faithful people in  
many generations,  
people facing challenge and uncertainty,  
people seeking your purpose and promise.  
Thank you for your faithfulness to us in all situations.

Walk with us and with those for whom we pray this day,  
that your grace and mercy may sustain our faith and hope.

Hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken,  
and use us in ways we may not yet even imagine to respond to  
others

with the love and mercy we see in Jesus who taught us to  
pray together -

### **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**      Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**      Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

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

**Time for the Young**

**Hymn**    232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### **Sabbatical Blessings for our Minister, Christopher**

*Members of Council come forward and form a semi-circle around Christopher.*

### **Introduction**

***Carol Williams, Chair of M&P***

Friends in Christ,

Today we give thanks to God for our Minister, Christopher, and ask for God's blessings as we send him on Sabbatical rest, renewal and exploration.

We ask God to bless this intentional time of growth both for him and for our congregation, and we ask that God bring him back to our community refreshed and nourished with God's Spirit.

***Arlene Hunter***

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

*Exodus 20:8*

***Betty Lou Kempt***

I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.

*Exodus 23:20*

**Sabbatical Leave - Taking Litany**

***Carolyn Lunn***

We wish Godspeed to Christopher as he begins his Sabbatical.

***Lorraine Ryan***

As you journey, God dwell with you while we are away from one another.

***Christopher***

God's blessing on you while I am gone from you.

***Norma Wrightly***

God fill you with the Holy Spirit as you study and visit new surroundings.

***Christopher***

I thank God for the ministry we share and the gift of this time away.

***Christian Community***

We pray that you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey and that you return renewed and energized for ministry.

***Christopher***

I pray that you, too, might be renewed and energized to serve in God's name.

***Bob Swan***

We send you with our blessing.

***Christopher***

God's peace be with you as I leave to walk beside still waters, listening for the voice of God.

***Jan Montgomery***

We light these candles as a reminder that we are held in a covenantal relationship.

While we are absent from one another we will light our candles and remember the other in prayer

*Christopher and Jan each light a candle that is on the Communion Table.*

**Laying on of Hands**

*Council will gather around Christopher and place a hand on his head or a shoulder/arm*

## *Heather*

Eternal God,

You fill us with every good thing and your steadfast love endures forever.

We thank you for Christopher, and for our life together at Trinity.

As he departs for Sabbatical,  
send him forth with your blessing,  
fill him with your Spirit, and  
bring him again into our presence with renewed life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Now go, facing the road ahead, confident the Risen Jesus goes with you.

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. Amen.

## **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      The Barrel Boys





| <b>Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity</b> |  |
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| 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 /<br>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<br>(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                         |