



Fourth Sunday of Easter - A
April 30, 2023



Welcome and announcements

- † New Comers please sign our guestbook
- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming CongregationWe continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.
- † Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday

This morning Trinity will be celebrating its 191st Anniversary during the service with a Finger Food Luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Social Time after church - sign up in the Hall

May 1 – The UCW will meet at Van Horne at 9:30, meeting will start at 10 a.m.

May 6 - 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.

May 7 – Charlotte Hoy will be leading us in Worship.

Following the service, we will be holding our first Potluck and Discernment and Visioning workshop with Peter Bartlett. Please come and enjoy fellowship, food, and discussion.

Rainbow 101 - 12 May – Have You ever wondered what is meant by 2Spirit? If you have, come join us on Friday, May 12, 2023 when Rainbow 101 will welcome Francois Zarraga, a 2Spirit Algonquin Elder willing to share with us its historical and cultural meaning. The evening will begin with a potluck meal at 6 p.m. but if you just want to learn, the presentation will start at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

Compost Sale – Looking for help to bag compost during the week of May 15th. **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.

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.

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.

Geraniums - 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 to 12:00pm.

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

Our goal is to promote a sense of belonging, encourage critical thinking, promote respect for others and provide a safe and fun environment for social, personal and faith development.

Camper Programs
Ages 4-9

Camp Awesome Crew Programs
Ages 10-12

Youth Leadership & Staff Opportunities
Ages 13+

Register online at www.camp-awesome.ca

Stewardship Notes (future events)-

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 2, 2023

Introit: Flora Riley singing, "God On The Mountain" (Lynda Randell)

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 come together as your Church. We ask you to still our heart and calm our minds.

Opening Prayer

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken and looking forward to see our path. We honour those who have gone before us, learning from their successes and failures. We celebrate who we are today and welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us. We thank you that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather in worship. AMEN

Hymn VU 401 "Worship the Lord"

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and the times that we fail to follow you. All too often we go astray, and we feel as lost as the sheep in the field. We can no longer hear your voice, yet we seek your guiding hand in our lives to help us. Forgive us we pray and open the gate for your humble servants to enter. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you are there on the look-out for us, bringing us back to you like the good shepherd you are. Your word tells us of the joy that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each day and be faithfully reflected into the world around us. Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.

Scriptures - Ann Marleau - **Acts 2: 42 - 47**

- **Psalm 23 (VU 747)** (To be sung)

- **1 Peter 2: 19 - 25**

- **John 10: 1 - 10**

Meditation- “Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake”

Reflection - History Room and Historical Records - Marguerite Cameron

Hymn - MV 1 “Let Us Build a House”

Invitation to Offering: Jesus calls us to be humble, so we are humbled by the divine presence in our lives. As we consider our humility, we realize that it is intertwined with gratitude. I invite you to give because your blessings can bless others. We, of course, no longer pass the plate but we remind you that it is sitting on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We are also able to receive offering through:

- E-transfer
- Delivery to the church office
- Through the Trinity website DONATE button
- Through PAR

Let us Pray - Spirit of life and giver of every perfect gift we offer our thanks for this life and its gifts. Bless these offerings and those given outside of this time of worship. May our contributions here and in every part of our lives- our skills- our time and our money work toward a world of justice and peace. We pray that it be so through the work of this congregation as we do it together. In Jesus name, AMEN

Hymn - MV 209 "Go Make a Difference"

Prayers of the People and Lords Prayer

Prayers of the People:

God of our past, we gather today to give thanks for the past.
We think back to those who first had a vision of a church in this place.

To those who gave of their labour, their treasure, and their time
to make this happen.

And as we remember the efforts of the founders and builders,
we offer words of thanks and praise.

God of growth, we remember too those who helped the new church
to grow in wisdom and in faith.

And so we think of the clergy, study group leaders, choir
directors, Sunday School teachers, and the many others who
provided leadership.

We remember all the committee members, men, and women
who stepped forward to provide governance and leadership.
And for all these varied forms of leadership, we are grateful.

God of community, we remember events that brought us
together,
Suppers, Bazaars, BBQs, Brown Bag Lunches, Potlucks, and many
more.

We think also of the many groups that have met in this space.
groups that provided for growth in the community.

And for the gifts of friendship and fellowship, we say thanks.

God of our present, on this day we remember all that led this
congregation to this day.

For 191 years of ministry to and with this community, for 191
years of growing together in love.

For all that has made us what we are now, and for our
memories.

We give you thanks, we give you praise.

God of the future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as people, not only of faith but of hope.

May we share your hope and promise with the world in which we live.

God of all Creation, we give great thanks and praise for the many years we have been a community of faith.

In the silence of our own hearts, we bring to you now any concerns that we have for ourselves and the world and leave them all with you into your care.

Amen.

Time for the Young – Teddy - "This Is Me"

Hymn - VU 705 "For All the Saints"

Benediction - Be with us, protect, guide and shower us with many blessings to all that came to grace this Anniversary in our Church. Thank you for hearing and answering our prayers. AMEN

Choral AMEN

Postlude: "Arioso" (Handell)

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity	
Every Monday, 1:00pm (cancelled until September)	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 (cancelled until September)	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
Second Wednesday, 12:30pm (cancelled 2 nd Wed. in May)	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, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle