



**Seventh Sunday of Easter - A**

**May 21, 2023**



### **Welcome and announcements**

Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

We 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

**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates donations.

**In person Sunday School** is the 2nd and last Sunday of the Month

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

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

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

**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.

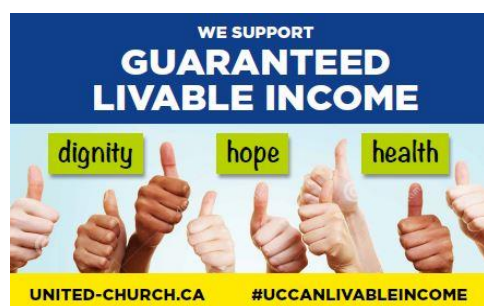
**Bible Study fellowship** – Wednesday, May 24 at 10 a.m. in Upper Room

**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 Lauren, Camp Quin-Mo-Lac, Golden Lake and Rideau Hill**

**Camp** are now registering kids for camp this summer. The UCW offers assistance to families who need it to send their child, children or grandchildren to camp. Closing opportunity to apply to UCW for assistance with registration is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Call the Church Office at 613-283-4444 or email: [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)

**The Belonging Project Plus** - For those who would like to practice the skills of saying difficult things to others, and receiving difficult things others might have to say to us, the Belonging Project is offering a series of three Tues evening workshops. **These will take place from 7 – 8:30 pm, May 30th – June 13<sup>th</sup>, in the chapel.** For more information, please connect with Carol Williams, 613 269 4427 or [journey@ripnet.com](mailto:journey@ripnet.com). Cost: \$25 per session to be donated to Trinity in cash, time or talent. Deadline for registration is the evening of Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.



**On Sunday, June 04, 2023**, Trinity United will be hosting a guest speaker, Rob Ranier, Reeve of Tay Valley Township who will be speaking to us about the growing need for **Basic Liveable Income** in Canada. Do you wonder why the United Church is supporting this initiative? Do you want to learn more about who might receive it and how effective BLI might be? If you have questions, you are encouraged to share them with me at, [lorraineallison.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:lorraineallison.ryan@gmail.com) I will pass them along to Rob who would like to be able to have the opportunity to answer these questions during the service.

**UCW June Meeting**, Monday, June 5, 2023 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a potluck lunch and craft time.

**Special Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. – To receive and approve the financial review of Trinity and Trustees' accounts.

**Camp Awesome** - July 17 - 21 Trinity, Smiths Falls. Registration is \$150 per camper for a full day program which includes snacks and lunch. Information and registration is on-line at [www.camp-awesome.ca](http://www.camp-awesome.ca)

## **Future events**

UCW Strawberry Social, June (date to be determined)

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

## **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.

**Introit:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (a contemporary version)

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** ©Fern Gibbard, Gathering L/E, 2015, page 39. Used with permission

**ONE:** The candle is lit:

The radiance of Christ shines on us;

**ALL:** **We are gathered together knowing that Christ is here among us.**

**Call to Worship:** Gathering 2021 L/E page 50, Gord Dunbar © Used with permission

Arise, shine! Embrace laughter’s light!

**Even in the midst of challenge, we should laugh?**

Come and embrace God’s gift of healing—

Mirth within the shadows of life.

**Surely you jest, for life demands our sombre best.**

Come to chuckle at the overwhelming irony of living.

**To laugh in this place of holiness and of reverence?**

To laugh,

and in the laughter to share,

And in the sharing to care,

And in the caring to love one another.

**Glory to God through all our relations!**

**Glory to God as we meet our call within Christ’s mission.**

**Opening Prayer:** Gathering 2023 L/E page 52, Gord Dunbar © Used with permission

Surprising Spirit, distill our weary spirits with your flame of faith, pouring us out as gifts of joy to encourage one another.

**Risen Christ, transform our hearts through our shared humanity, grinning at our toddling toward the fullness of who we are becoming.**

Loving God, enfold us with your arms of grace, imbuing us with smirks of understanding for each person’s foibles, giggling at our own fumbings when trying to love each soul.

**Bless us as we laugh, giggle, and groan together in this time of worship, alongside the worry and grief held in many of our hearts.**

**Amen**

**Hymn** VU 175 “This Is the Day That God Has Made”

**Prayer of Understanding**

**Scripture:**

Responsive Psalm: VU Pg. 824 Psalm 100: Refrain 2

**Scripture Lesson:** John 20:19-31

**Music Meditation:** “The Homecoming” (Hagood Hardy)

**Reflection – “Maranatha”**

**Hymn:** VU 624 “Give To Us Laughter”

**Offertory:**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Prayer

**Prayers of the People:** (Presbyterian Worship resource, used with permission)

Our response is:

**The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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.**

**Hymn - VU 635 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"**

**Commissioning**

**Blessing**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** “Mansion Over the Hilltop”