Third Sunday after the Epiphany - B January 21, 2024

"And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people.""

Matthew 1:17

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 Residential Schools.

Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday (Stat holidays on Mondays, the office is closed).

In person Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of each month.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

Social Time After Church – Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

Introit: "Wild Mountain Thyme"

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn: VU 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy and mystery, your mercy can disturb us. We cannot imagine offering forgiveness for dreadful actions.

We prefer to think that your judgement matches ours.

Forgive us for presuming we see as you see, and understand all that you understand. Have mercy upon us when we give up on the power of mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62 (VU 779)

Mark 1:14-20

Meditation: "My Love is Like a Red, Red, Rose" (Burns)

Reflection: Fishing as Team Building - Nominations Too

This morning we acknowledge, celebrate and bless those who have come forward to assist the congregation in drafting Trinity's Living Faith Story and Community of Faith Profile. These documents are a first step in securing our new Minister and embarking in a new phase of our shared Ministry.

Wayne Harris, Regional Liaison David Donovan Carol Williams Brenda King Heather Quinn

Let us pray for God's grace as we embark on this journey together:

Guiding God,

You call us into your church to accept the call to continue and create -

to celebrate your presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this Writing Team so that we may move forward in faith and with clarity of intent embodying your love for the world.

Guide and bless each one and all together as dreams and Visions are brought into focus, that our future will continue the faithful intent and work of our past

and lay open the creative possibilities of our future

with You and one another In Jesus' name and for His sake, Amen.

Hymn: MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Offertory:

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus asked his first disciples to answer his call with their lives. We offer the fruit of our lives in answer to this same call. Consider what can be accomplished through the gifts you offer today.

Offering Prayer:

You called ordinary men and women join in the work of God's reign on earth. We offer you our gifts to share in the work you began through them. Bless our gifts and work through us, that the world may know your love is still active among us all. Amen.

Offering Options

- o On the table by the entrance to Church Hall
- o E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- o Delivery to church office
- o Through Trinity website DONATE button
- o PAR

Hymn: VU 879 "The Race That Long in Darkness Pined" (vs 1,3,4)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "Millennium Prayer" (Richard)
The Lord's Prayer set to "Auld Lang Syne"

EOORC Prayer Cycle Centretown United Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Cyprus, Greece, Türkiye

At Trinity Smiths Falls we try to be inclusive and being inclusive begins with awareness. There are many different ways to celebrate and worship. There are a variety of Faith Traditions represented in our world and community and over the next year, an attempt will be made to keep Trinity informed of these different religions, beliefs and celebrations, so we may be as respectful to them as they are to us.

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn: VU 273 "The King of Love"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: "Highland Cathedral" (Korb/Roever)

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity	
Every Monday, 11:00am	Chair Exercise (Currently cancelled until further notice)
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am	Property Team / Church Hall
Last Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 2:00pm	Van Horne Retirement Residence
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, 9:30am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
First Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Second Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.	Christian Community Meeting
Third Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Saturday, 1:00pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Second and Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle