



Fourth Sunday in Lent - B  
March 10, 2024

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”

*Ephesians 2: 8, 9*

### **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.

**Please join us for Social Time After Church** – If you wish to volunteer to help with Social time, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

**Celebrate National Affirming/PIE Day on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 3 p.m.! Why PIE?**  
*PIE = Public. Intentional. Explicit.* Those are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we seek to live into being Affirming, Welcoming, or Inclusive people and communities. **The theme for PIE Day 2024 is: PIE in the Smiths Falls Public Square!** What does it look like to live out PIE beyond

the walls of our own ministries or organizations, and into our communities, streets, and city halls? This is what we will explore and celebrate in 2024! Members of Trinity United can gather on **Thursday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m.** to have Pie in the Pavilion. Come out to show your public support of 2SLGBTQIA+

**Annual Congregational Meeting** – **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** If you haven't received a copy yet, there are copies on the table at the back of the Church.

**Potluck and Praise** – **Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m.**

**The Book Club at Trinity United Church** has been meeting monthly for over 25 years. We are an informal group that enjoys reading and discussing books – primarily fiction and we are looking for **new members**. We meet on the last Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. In the winter months we meet on Zoom and in the spring/summer months we meet in person at Trinity United Church. The next meeting will be online on **March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** On April 29<sup>th</sup> we will start meeting again in person. Contact Barb at dhicks11@cogeco.ca to be added to our mailing list.

**Broadview Magazine Group Subscription** – If you are interested in subscribing to Broadview this year and taking advantage of the yearly Group Subscription price of \$30, please submit a cheque made out to Trinity United Church, indicating on the memo line of the cheque that it is for the Broadview Subscription. Subscription requests and cheques should be submitted to the Trinity office no later than **May 19, 2024**.

**Introit:** "Pi's Lullaby" (Danna)

**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**

**Lenten Liturgy**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

**The Peace**

**Scripture:** Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (VU831 Part One and Two)

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

**Meditation:** "God So Loved the World" (Stainer)

**Reflection:** Pride and Privilege

**Hymn:** MV 62 "There Is Room for All" (x 2)

**Offertory:**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Options:**

- On the table by the entrance to Church Hall
- E-transfers to [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)
- Delivery to church office
- Through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

**Hymn:** Vu 653 "Come, Let Us to the God of Love" (vs. 1,4,5)

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**EOORC Prayer Cycle:** Gananoque: Grace Pastoral Charge  
Grace United Church

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:** Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway

Hospitality, Diversity, Justice do not end with words. They call us to awareness and respect. There are a variety of Faith Traditions represented in our world and community. Each celebrates and worships in their own ways and seasons. Over the course of the coming year, we will keep you informed of these different religions, beliefs and celebrations, so we may contribute to a broader culture of awareness, respect and support.

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

### **Time for the Young**

**Hymn:** VU 686 "God of Grace, and God of Glory" (Tune 651)

### **Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** "Pie Jesu" (Lloyd Webber)