



Third Sunday in Lent - B
March 3, 2024

“Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20:1-3

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.

Annual Congregation Meeting – **Sunday, March 17**

The Annual Report is available today. There are copies on the table at the back of the Church.

UCW Meeting – **Monday, March 4th** – Gather at 9:30 and meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Van Horne Retirement Residence – Tuesday, March 5th – Trinity service at 2:00 p.m. at Van Horne. We will visit with our UCW Friends at Van Horne Manor following Trinity's Service.

UCW Craft & Chat – Wednesday, March 6th – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our next Craft and Chat is scheduled for Wednesday March 6th from 11am to 2pm. Bring a lunch and whatever craft you want to work on. You don't need to craft to come and chat with us. Let's fellowship with crafting, eating and gabbing. Build each other up and have fun too!

Early Communion – Sunday, March 10th – 8:30 a.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 25th at 7 p.m.** On April 29th we will start meeting again in person. Contact Barb at dhicks11@cogeco.ca to be added to our mailing list. The last four months we have read *The Herd* by Emily Edwards, *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt and *The Postcard from Italy* by Angela Petch.

Reminder re Envelopes – The past few Sundays, we have received donations with no numbers on the envelopes. If you require a tax receipt at the end of 2024,

please remember to put your number or your name on the envelope.

Introit: MV 7 "Gather Us In"

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 115 "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

Prayer of Confession:

Following you brings joy.

Wise and welcoming God,

You are always seeking us out,

**yet we are easily distracted from your
 presence.**

**We envy those who are successful in the world's
terms,**

and pursue our own desires.

We fail to question the cost of our desires

to the earth or those in need.

Forgive us, O God.

Re-awaken us to your purposes

**and re-ignite our commitment to pursue them
 for the sake of Jesus, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19 (VU 740)
John 2:13-22

Meditation: "Mercies Numberless" from
"Saul" (Handel)

Reflection: We Are A people

Hymn: VU 224 "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

Offertory:

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer

Offering Options:

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

Hymn: VU 662 "Lead Me, God"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

EOORC Prayer Cycle

Pastoral Charge

Clyde Forks-Tatlock

Clyde Forks United Church
St. Peter's Community United
Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Ireland; United Kingdom:
England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

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.

Multi-faith March Holidays (see bulletin insert)

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn: MV 209 "Go, Make a Diff'rence"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: "Toccata on a Luther Hymn" (Young)

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity	
Every Monday, 11:00am	Chair Exercise
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am (possible rebooking from time to time)	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
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 9:30am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
First Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (Trinity)
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (St. Paul's)
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