



Trinity United Church
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February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
February – Black History Month



Photo from Gov of Canada

www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/historic-black-communities.html

***(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else
You never know how you will Bless them)***

Welcome:

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

† Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday - (Closed on Statutory Holidays)

† Please remember that **Rev. Takouhi's weekend** is Monday and Tuesday. If Monday is a Statutory Holiday, the weekend includes Wednesday.

† If you wish to meet with **Rev. Takouhi** please contact her directly: **613-777-0880** – revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca



*Welcome, as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. **Welcome Home!***

WE GATHER AS AN EPIPHANY PEOPLE

Land Acknowledgement

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Introit: *"This Is The Day That God Has Made"*
Voices United # 175

Spiritual Focus:

*"Being Rooted in God helps us find Stability,
Joy, Laughter, Light and Love that never ends..."*

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship: Jer. 17:7-8

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Awe & Wonder: Voices United #300

"God, Whose Hand is All Creation"

(Please be seated)

Opening Prayer (in unison): Ps. 1:1–2

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Illumination: Voices United # 307

"Touch The Earth Lightly"

(Please be seated)

Scripture: Gospel of Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

Meditation: "Snowbird" (Mac Lellan)

Life Lesson:

"God's Blessings Quench the Soul..."



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Assurance: More Voices #126

"Are You A Shepherd?"

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers

(Sung VU #960)

The Work of God through Trinity United Church

Mission Story Time

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Mindful of the abundance we have received from God, we offer



ourselves and our gifts to the world that God Loves so much. For all those joining us virtually, on YouTube or Cogeco's YourTV please go to our website and find out the

many ways you may contribute and partner with us in carrying the Work of Jesus... **"Our offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary and aren't passed hand to hand since COVID and they aren't brought forward."**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #708

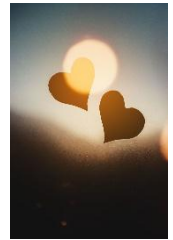
"My Lord, What A Morning"

(Please be seated)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: : *"Song for the Mira"* **(Murray/MacGillivray)**



Announcements

Please join us for Social Time after Worship in the Fellowship Hall – 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.

Please remember Smiths Falls Community Food Bank in Your Generosity – Your Donations are appreciated immensely.

Offering Options

Trinity has several ways in which to offer our financial gifts for the life and work of the church, by...

- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity's website DONATE button
- and by PAR

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Trinity United Church endeavours to provide a scent free environment for those who are sensitive to fragrances.

Thank you for your consideration.



Free Hot Chicken Stew Lunch – Wednesday, February 19

As part of the Outreach and Social Justice Team Casserole Ministry, there will be a free hot chicken stew lunch here at trinity at 1:00 p.m. It is for pickup only and all are welcome!

It's Cold Out There!

Trinity Connectors (Trinity's Outreach and Social Justice Team) has put together a team to walk on **February 22, 2025** in Smiths Falls for the **Coldest Night Fundraiser** to support Lanark County Cornerstone Landing. We have a team of six members walking. Go to

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5471875&langPref=en-CA> to donate or go to [Home -](#)

[Coldest Night of the Year 2025 Canada](#) and click on donate and put in Trinity Connectors and it will take you to their team page to donate. Thank you!!

Big Brothers and Sisters Bowl for Kids – Feb. 22, 2025

Rainbow 101, who meet at Trinity on a monthly basis, have set up a Rainbow 101 Team. If you wish to donate, you can do so at www.zeffy.com/en-CA/team/rainbow--101 Please ensure you have a double dash between rainbow and 101 or you will not be able to access the site. Thank you!!

Next Sunday – February 23rd, in person Sunday School bring your children, grandchildren; invite neighbours' kids – Our Sunday School Teachers always share God's Message of Love with Joy.

Pink Shirt Day - Join us in standing up to bullying on **Sunday February 23rd** ahead of the National Pink Shirt Awareness Day that happens on Wednesday February 26th. This year's theme is Let Kindness Grow! There will be awareness pins available for all.

February 23rd, Rev. Takouhi will be at Wall Street United Church in Brockville, as their Anniversary Guest Speaker. Liz Church will be the worship leader at Trinity. Pray for Rev. Takouhi as she delivers the message of Hope and takes your love to Wall Street United's Sisters and Brothers. Moreover, come to worship at Trinity and bring a friend, to hear God's Message of Love through a different voice – You do not want to miss this opportunity.

Meet and Greet the General Secretary, The Rev. Michael Blair From 2 – 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025, and hear the UCC Vision as we celebrate this centennial year and move forward by the Grace of God.

Covenanting Worship Celebration – Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. to be held at Trinity United Church in Smiths Falls.

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro will be covenanting with Trinity Pastoral Charge, Smiths Falls. The Rev. Michael Blair, the General Secretary of the United Church of Canada, is our special guest speaker. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall. **All are Welcome!**

A Wedding Invitation

Join us as we say I Do!

The congregation at Trinity has been invited to join Rev. Jill & Will for their wedding ceremony on **Saturday March 1st 2025 at 6pm** in the Westminster Presbyterian Church Sanctuary.

"We hope you can join us as we begin this new journey."

Well wishes only.

Rev. Jill & Will

Freezin' for a Reason! The 2025 Polar Plunge fundraiser for **Special Olympics is coming up on Saturday March 8th 11:00am to 1:30pm**. Sandy Rankin from Trinity United Church's Chill Team will be jumping so you don't have to. We would love some donations to help the cause. Please go to

<https://soopolarplunge.crowdchange.ca/91815/team/52485> and

fill out your pledge. See Sandy or Patty from Outreach and Social Justice for more information. Thank you for your support!

This Week at Trinity...

<p>Monday, February 17 – Office Chair Yoga</p>	<p>CLOSED – Family Day 11:00am – 12:00pm (Cancelled due to stat holiday)</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 18 – Office Potluck & Praise</p>	<p>9am – 1pm 6:00 P.M. – Leader: Norma Wrightly</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 19 Office Bible Study – All Are Welcome Craft and Chat Chicken Stew Lunch Healing Pathways: Contact the Church Office to set up an appointment</p>	<p>9 am – 1pm 9:30am – Downstairs Parlor 11:00am–1:00pm – Fellowship Hall 1:00 p.m. – Pick Up Only 2:00 p.m. – Sanctuary</p>
<p>Thursday, February 20 - Office</p>	<p>9 am – 1pm</p>
<p>Friday, February 21 Outreach & Social Justice Meeting</p>	<p>Office Closed 1:00 p.m. – Upper Room</p>
<p>Saturday, February 22</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
<p>Sunday, February 23 Worship Celebration & In person Sunday School</p>	<p>Office Closed 10:30 a.m. Leader: Liz Church</p>