



Trinity United Church
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February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February - Black History Month



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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:

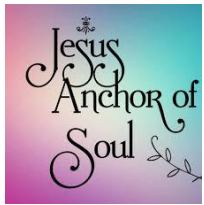
† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive, Accessible and an Affirming Congregation.

† 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:

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 and acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Announcements – God in My Week:

Introit: *“For Everyone Born” (Choir)*

Spiritual Focus:

“Spiritual blindness goes unnoticed by the world but is a human cry to find unconditional love”

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive)

As we gather today, we will reflect on the powerful words of Jesus, 'turn the other cheek.'

Leader: We must choose love over retaliation.

ALL: We respond to injustice with grace.

Leader: We see humanity in all people.

**ALL: Let us open our hearts to the power of forgiveness
Let us embody the spirit of Christ.**

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Wonder: Voices United #606

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Opening Prayer (in unison): Together Lord we praise and worship You. You are the foundation on which we build. May our praise bring glory to You as we sing, worship and pray this day. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Illumination: More Voices # 173

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

Scripture: Luke 6:27-38 - New Living Translation

Meditation: *"Called by Earth and Sky"* **MV 135**

Life Lesson: *"Until we understand and respond..."*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Assurance: More Voices #157

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers

(spoken)

Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story): Hope in Action

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 TV 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

Our great Creator, we have given back a portion of the gift You gave us so that Your work at Trinity United and the greater Community of Smiths Falls will continue to grow. Help us to proclaim Your name to all. **Amen.**

Time for the Young & Young at Heart



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

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #234

"Let Us With Gladsome Mind"

Commissioning & Benediction

God calls us to step out in faith. He will lead us. We must follow. So, go from here with courage. Trust God. Remind yourself that He walks with you and will empower you to speak of His love.

And may the blessing of God, Jesus and Holy Spirit, be among you and within you wherever you find yourself this week. Walk with confidence in His love.

Choral Amen

Postlude : *"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Johnson)*



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 note that there will be no social time after the service on March 2nd due to the Covenanting Worship Celebration at 2 p.m.**

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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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.

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

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!**

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...

Monday, February 24 – Office Chair Yoga	9am – 1 p.m. 11:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday, February 25 – Office	9am – 1pm
Wednesday, February 26 Office Bible Study – All Are Welcome	9 am – 1pm 9:30am – Downstairs Parlor
Thursday, February 27 - Office	9 am – 1pm
Friday, February 28	Office Closed
Saturday, March 1 Meet & Greet– Rev. Michael Blair	Office Closed 2-4 p.m.
Sunday, March 2 Worship Celebration – Led by – UCW Covenanting Celebration Worship	Office Closed 10:30 a.m. 2:00 pm