



Trinity United Church

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February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday of Love – St. Valentine's

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

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements – God in My Week:

Introit: *"When Will I See You Again" by: Dorothy M. Goubault*

Spiritual Focus:

"God's Word always does what it says, even when those hearing that Word fall short or even have a hard time believing it.."

The Rev. Dr. David Lose

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (*Isa. 6:3; Luke 5:1, 10; Ps. 138:1–2*)

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.
Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
in our daily work, God calls us.
We respond with our whole heart,
singing God's praise and giving thanks.
In steadfast love, God fulfills
the divine purposes for our lives.

Hymn of Wonder: Voices United #226

"For the Beauty of the Earth"



Opening Prayer (in unison):

Gracious Spirit, as we honour and celebrate Black History Month we reflect upon the life of Jesus, who walked among the people bringing hope, love, and healing to the villages he visited. During this month of remembrance and tribute, we lift up the stories and legacies of Black siblings. We honour their resilience, courage, and perseverance in the face of adversity, just as Jesus demonstrated resilience amidst challenges.

We pray for those who fought against injustice, who led movements for freedom and equality, and who have inspired generations through their wisdom, talents, and leadership. May

they be an example for us, as we strive for a world of reconciliation and justice. Guide our efforts to build bridges, dismantle barriers, and foster understanding.

We pray this in Jesus's name.

Amen.

— from the Black History Month liturgy
by Pastor Charmaine Bailey. United Church of Canada

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Hymn of Illumination: Voices United # 359

"He Came Singing Love"



Scripture: Gospel of Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Meditation: "The Rose" (McBroom)

Life Lesson:

*"A Job Becomes a **LIFE-GIVING Vocation** with Jesus..."*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #658

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Spoken)

The Work of the United Church of Canada

Black History Month – Adele Halliday



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

**Time for the Young
&
Young at Heart**



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

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #333

"Love Divine. All Loves Excelling"



Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: "Turn, Turn, Turn" (Seeger)



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.

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

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

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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A Reminder – Trinity United Church endeavours to provide a scent free environment for those who are sensitive to fragrances. Thank you for your consideration.

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/registrator/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!!

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!

A Thank you from Lanark County Interval House

We received a note of thanks from Interval House for a donation we made in 2024. *“Please know that your gift is deeply appreciated, and it plays an indispensable role in fulfilling our mission”*. The full letter is on the Outreach and Social Outreach bulletin board in the Church Hall.

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.

Coming this Week at Trinity...

Monday, February 10 – Office Chair Yoga	9 am – 1pm 11:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday, February 11 - Office	9am – 1pm
Wednesday, February 12 Office Bible Study – All Are Welcome Spiritual Leadership Team Meeting	9 am – 1pm 9:30am – Downstairs Parlor 1:30 – Upper Room
Thursday, February 13 - Office	9 am – 1pm
Friday, February 14 Rainbow 101 – “For the Bible Tells Me So” – Potluck and Movie (For the Bible Tells Me So)	Office Closed 6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
Saturday, February 15	Office Closed
Sunday, February 16 Worship Celebration	Office Closed 10:30 a.m. Leader: Rev. Takouhi