



Trinity United Church
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March 16. 2025
Second Sunday of Lent
Fearless Love



Image: Rev. Takouhi – August 21, 2024 – Polk Crescent – Portland, ON

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



*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!***

† 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

WE GATHER AS LENTEN PEOPLE

Land Acknowledgement

Community in Action – Announcements

Introit: *"Tree Of Life And Awesome Mystery"*

Voices United # 121 vs. 1,3, plus Lent 2

Spiritual Focus:

"Lent: The Path Of Love..."

Lighting of the Lenten & Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive): *Ps. 27:4*

One: The Psalmist sings,

All: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

One: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

All: to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

One: Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.



(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Awe & Wonder: Voices United #660

"How Firm a Foundation"

(Please be seated)

Opening Prayer (All): *Ps. 27:1, 5, 11, 14*

Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you.

Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Responsive Psalm 27 - Voices United # 754

Refrain: God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid

God is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?

**God is the stronghold of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When the wicked close in to devour me,

it is they, my enemies and my foes, who stumble and fall.

If an army should encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid;

**if war should arise against me,
even then I will not be dismayed.**

Refrain: God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid

One thing I have asked of God, for which I long:
that I may dwell in God's house all the days of my life,
**to gaze on your beauty, O God,
and to seek you in your temple.**

For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter;
**you will hide me under the cover of your tent,
you will set me high upon a rock.**

And now you have raised my head
above my enemies round about me.

**Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
a sacrifice with great gladness.**

Refrain: God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid

Hear my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy and answer me.
Your face, O God, I seek.

**Do not hide your face from me;
do not reject your servant in anger,
you who have been my helper.**

Do not cast me off, or forsake me, O God my saviour.

**Though my father and mother forsake me,
my God will take me up.**

Refrain: God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid

Teach me your way, O God,
lead me on a level path,

safe from those who lie in wait for me.

Do not give me up to the will of my enemies,

for liars and false witnesses arise against me.

I believe that I shall see God's goodness
in the land of the living.

**Wait for God; be strong, and take courage;
yes, wait for God!**

Refrain: God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (NRSV)

(God's Covenant with Abram)

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

(Scripture is read)

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

For the Sacred Story is God's story,

All: for the Sacred Story is our story,

Reader: for the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation: *"The Minstrel Boy" (Moore)*

Life Lesson: *"Fearless Love of God"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please remain seated)

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #400

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(sung twice, third time a capella)

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: Building Climate Resiliency

Women for Change works to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls.

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 (All): Ps. 27:13

O God, we often hold back your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of the world - to Transform, Renew and Heal the broken places.

We pray sincerely and wholeheartedly. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #675

"Will Your Anchor Hold"

(Please be seated)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: : *"Give Me That Old Time Religion"*


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

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.

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

Thank you for your consideration.



UCW Fundraiser – Sunday, March 16th – Following the morning worship service today there is a fundraiser lunch which includes soup, bread, cheese and cupcakes. This is a freewill offering event with funds raised going to UCW. All are invited!

Global Recycle Awareness Day – March 18th

Let's all do our part and recycle more, waste less and help the earth. We can start right now by being aware of our own carbon footprint. What are we doing to preserve our natural resources? Are we helping save our environment? These are important questions and only you can answer them for yourself!

Potluck and Praise – Tuesday, March 18th at 6 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday was too early in the month to move Potluck and Praise, so we will be having pancakes and sausages this month. Please bring something to compliment our belated Shrove Tuesday celebrations. ALL are welcome!

A Musical Potpourri – Sunday, March 23rd at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 25 Gore St. W., Perth. The Kingston Choral Society Chamber Choir, an excellent 20-voice ensemble, will be featured along with other varied musical performances including sacred, classic, barbershop, and jazz. There are no tickets, but a suggested freewill donation at the door of \$20 would be appreciated.

Trinity Book Club – Monday, March 31st at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Parlour. The March book is "North Woods" by Daniel Mason. All are welcome!

Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck – Sunday, April 6th following the morning worship service. Those with their last name starting with A – M, please bring a main course dish. Those with their last name starting with N – Z, please bring dessert. All are welcome!

New to You Sale – Saturday, April 12th – 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. We are looking for donations of clothing, books, shoes, purses, jewellery, trinkets, glassware, linens, puzzles, games, etc. No furniture or large items. Please submit your items to the stage in the Church Hall, preferably during office hours, but if you need another time, please call the office to arrange. Many thanks!!

This Week at Trinity...

Monday, March 17 – Office Chair Yoga	9 am – 1pm 11:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday, March 18 – Office Potluck & Praise	9am – 1pm 6:00 pm - Leader: Rev. Takouhi
Wednesday, March 19 - Office Bible Study – All Are Welcome	9 am – 1pm 9:30am – Downstairs Parlor
Thursday, March 20 - Office	9 am – 1pm
Friday, March 21	Office Closed
Saturday, March 22	Office Closed
Sunday, March 23 Worship Celebration – Lent Three	Office Closed 10:30 a.m. Leader: Rev. Takouhi