



Trinity United Church
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March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent
Endless Love



Image: Rev. Takouhi – October 22, 2023 – Niagara Falls, 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. 1,4, plus Lent 3

Spiritual Focus:

"Lent: The Path Of Love..."

Lighting of the Lenten & Christ Candle



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

One: Everyone who thirsts:

All: come to the Lord and be filled with Living Water.

One: All who are hungry for righteousness:

**All: come to the Lord and you will be fed
with the Bread of Life.**

One: All who doubt the Presence of God:

**All: God is with us, we are not alone –
our lives are a testament to this fact.**

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Awe & Wonder: Voices United #288

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

(Please be seated)

Opening Prayer (All): Ps. 63:1–7; John 4:10, 14

Your Love, O God, surrounds us in the sanctuary. We lift up our hearts and call on your name. We are your people, thirsty for the living water you alone can give. When we consider how you have helped us, giving us a spring that gushes out of the rock, we cling to you, singing praises with joyful lips and grateful hearts. You are our Light and Salvation. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

(Please stand as able)

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 356

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

(Please be seated)

Prayer of Illumination (All): Ps. 63:1–5

We seek You in Your Word, O God, as though we are searching for water in a dry and weary land.

By the power of Your Holy Spirit, may this Word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise You; and with our lives, we will bless You, our Host and our Hope. **Amen**

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSVUE)

An Invitation to Abundant Life

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: "Four Strong Winds" (Ian Tyson)

Life Lesson: "*The Endless Love of God*"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Trust: Voices United #560

"O Master, let Me Walk with Thee"

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Hope and Healing


The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers (Spoken)

The Work of God through Trinity United Church

Mission Story Time

Spring reminds us of renewal, of hope, of life returning.

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):

God of wilderness and Promised Land, in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. Send us—not only our offerings, but our very selves—to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen and sit beside your children everywhere at the one Table you have set: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Invitation: Voices United #567

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *"Put A Little Love in Your Heart"* (de Shannon)

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.



The Annual Report 2024 is available today at the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to pick up your copy to review prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting on April 6th.

UCW Thank you! - On behalf of the UCW, we are overwhelmed and very appreciative of all of your support. Our soup and bun lunch on March 16th was a great success! Our profits were \$308. Thank you again for all your support!!! (from UCW).

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 **finger food** 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 24 – Office Chair Yoga	9 am – 1pm 11:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday, March 25– Office	9am – 1pm
Wednesday, March 26- Office Bible Study – All Are Welcome	9 am – 1pm 9:30am – Downstairs Parlor
Thursday, March 27 – Office Council Meeting	9 am – 1pm 7:00 pm - Upper Room
Friday, March 28	Office Closed
Saturday, March 29	Office Closed
Sunday, March 30 Worship Celebration – Lent Four Baptism In Person Sunday School	Office Closed 10:30 a.m. Leader: Rev. Takouhi