



Trinity United Church
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April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Forgiving Love



*(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 LENTEN PEOPLE

Land Acknowledgement

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Voices United # 121 vs. 1, 5 plus Lent 5

Spiritual Focus:

"Lent: The Path Of Love..."

Lighting of the Lenten & Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive): Jer. 17:5-8

One: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

All: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

One: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

**All: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought
we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful,
gifts of the God who made us.**

One: God's Love is faithful and forgiving Let us Praise this
Presence.

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Awe & Wonder: Voices United #402

"We Are One"

(Please be seated)

Opening Prayer (in unison): Luke 15:20; 2 Cor. 5:18–20

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: you call your children back to
your loving Embrace always. Restore us to our inheritance as
daughters and sons and reconcile our hearts to you once again
in this Season of Lent. We want to be Your ambassadors on this
path. We Pray Through Christ, in Christ, Your Everlasting Love.
Amen.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Hebrew Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12 (NRSV)

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the
disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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: "Sunrise, Sunset"

Life Lesson: "Forgiving Love is Faithful..."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Hymn: Voices United # 644

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

(Please be seated)



The Work of God through Trinity United Church
Mission Story Time

Working to empower women and change the world.

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 (in unison):

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the church family that sustains us on our journey with your Spirit. Most of ALL, thank you for giving us your endless love freely. We pray humbly in the name of our friend and example, Jesus. **Amen.**

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

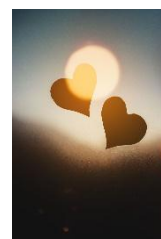
(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #691

"Though Ancient Walls"

(Please be seated)

Commissioning & Benediction



Choral Amen

Postlude: *"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"*

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 downstairs. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

Please remember Smiths Falls Community Food Bank in Your Generosity – Your Donations are appreciated immensely. There is a wagon at the back for collection.

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.



Recycle Stations:

We have two recycle stations in the church. One is in the coat room area just outside the Sanctuary. The other is in the Fellowship Hall.

Please recycle into the appropriate bin. Also please place USED coffee grinds into the pail by the coffee machine labeled as such. Let's be kind to the earth and do our part.

Trinity Name Tags:

Name tags: Help folks know your name...

Order your new name tag Sunday, April 06. The tags have a magnetic clasp—no fiddly pin to worry about. The cost is \$10.50 each upon receipt. A sample will be on display. Order form: outside the sanctuary, in the vestibule—your name and phone number are required. Contact person: Sharon O'Neill 613-283 6922

UCW Monthly Meeting:

Monday April 7, 2025, Gather at 9am Meeting at 9:30am
Chair Exercise to follow at 12 noon.

Rainbow 101

Please join us to celebrate and honour this year's theme of Re-Emergence on Friday April 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This year's theme includes honouring the brave actions of 2SLGBTQIA+ activists who have fought, and continue to fight for safer, more inclusive communities.

Join us as we reflect on the past and build a brighter future together. We're remembering key anniversaries and milestones that have shaped our communities.

We have invited Elizabeth Snyder, a 2SLGBTQIA+ activist living in Lanark County, to share her life's journey in activism. Elizabeth has been active in this community and others for many years. She led the Enough is Enough

campaign in Lanark County, spearheaded LGBT dances in Perth, and leads the way with Queer Connection Lanark and Perth Pride. Elizabeth is often the voice for 2SLGBTQIA+ people and works on many committees to promote inclusivity and visibility. You will see Elizabeth in many places, in meetings, at booths helping to inform and wave the flag showing everyone that we are here and there are safe spaces for all who need them.

This will be a potluck event, bring what you can to share. We hope to see you there for a great evening. Together we build better communities. We believe in equity and full inclusion. All are Welcome here.

Basic Income:

A Pathway to Help End the Cycle of Intimate Partner Violence

Don't miss out! On Thursday, April 24th, at 7:00 PM, join us at the Carleton Place Town Hall Auditorium (175 Bridge Street) for an insightful event exploring the intersection between intimate partner violence and economic vulnerability and how basic income could help reduce the incidence of this form of violence. Esteemed guest speakers include Senator Kim Pate and Erin Lee, Executive Director of Lanark County Interval House & Community Support ("LCIHCS"). Also joining our panel will be a person with lived experience who will share her personal experiences and insights. This event is hosted by the Lanark Basic Income Network in collaboration with LCIHCS. While there is no cost to attend, registration via Tickets Please (www.ticketsplease.ca) is required to manage attendance. All are welcome—please join us!

This Week at Trinity...

Monday, April 7 – Office UCW Meeting – Gather 9am-Meet 9:30am in Fellowship Hall	9 am – 1pm Chair Exercise to follow UCW at 12:00pm
Tuesday, April 8 – Office	9am – 1pm
Wednesday, April 9 - Office Bible Study – All Are Welcome	9 am – 1pm 9:30am – Downstairs Parlor
Thursday, April 10 - Office	9 am – 1pm
Friday, April 11 Rainbow 101 – Re-Emergence Guest Speaker - Elizabeth Snyder	Office Closed 6 pm Potluck – Fellowship Hall International Day of Pink
Saturday, April 12	Office Closed
Sunday, April 13 – Lent Six Worship Celebration Celebration of Baptism	Office Closed 10:30 a.m. Leader: Rev. Takouhi