



**Trinity United Church**  
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**April 27, 2025**  
**FARM SUNDAY**



Photos from Local 4H-Clubs

*(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 note that there are accessible washrooms at the back of the Sanctuary off to the right. We also have more washrooms down in the Fellowship Hall. Please use as required.

*Welcome, to the Spa for the Soul*



*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!**

### **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.

### **Farmers Land Acknowledgement:**

As farmers, we share a common interest with the First Nations, Inuit and Metis people across the province who have cared for these lands and waters for generations and who continue to care for the land and contribute to the strength of this territory now called Ontario. As stewards of the land, we all want to make sure we leave it in an equal or better condition for future generations.

### **Announcements – God in My Week:**

*Announcements are found in the final few pages of the bulletin.*

## **Welcome Farm Families:**

On behalf of Trinity United Church and our Outreach and Social Justice Team, we are honoured to welcome our Farm Families and our local chapter of 4H-Clubs here today. Special thanks to the 4H members, John Joynt, Judy Drummond, Meagan Maitland, Arlene Hunter, and Maryn Hunter for helping with today's service. Our service today is an adaptation of "Worship for Rural Life" found in Mandate, 2010, prepared by Miles Russell.

**Introit:** *Voices United #175 "This is the Day That God Has Made"*

## **Spiritual Focus**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**



### **Call to Worship (Responsive)**

After the dormancy of winter,  
**new growth springs to life.**

The birds return from their southern home.

**Buds emerge on the trees as they discover again the warmth of the earth.**

Crocuses and other early spring flowers begin to carpet the land as it throws off its wintry coating.

**The creation awakens to the possibilities of spring.**

Life shows itself in every corner of the earth.

**God is our Creator, who continues to create in the rhythm of life we call the seasons.**

Come let us worship. Come let us enter into the Spirit of God's creative moments. Come let us sow the seeds of new life.

**Opening Prayer (in unison):**

**Gracious God, open our eyes that we may see the abundance of your creative love in all that surrounds and sustains us. Enable us to become people of hope and life, who plant the seeds of your earthly garden for the benefit of all. Help us to be gardeners and caregivers for the earth that is home for all life. Fill us with your gentle love, that we may walk tenderly on the earth, cooperating with your intention of abundant love and life. Amen.**

*(please stand as able)*

**Hymn:** Voices United #300 "God, Whose Farm is All Creation"

**Reflection:** *This is a Farmer*

**Storytime:**

*Blessing of the Soil:*

Farmer: O Lord, all the earth is yours. We bring before you this rich and living soil that you may bless it and our lands with abundant fertility

**All: In the name of the Creator of heaven and earth, bless this living soil, that it may produce for those who respect and love it, food in abundance for birds, beasts and all people.**

*Blessing of the Farm Machinery and Livestock:*

This tractor who tends to the soil, O Lord, that you may look with favour on all we do to cultivate and nourish the soil.

These animals, who eat the crops from the soil we have tended, we bring before you O Lord, that you would honour our work with and care for them.

**All: Creator God, bless these animals and those who raise them. May the health and comfort of livestock be granted with respect and dignity. We are grateful for the ways our bodies are nourished by the food they provide for us.**

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad.

**Let the field be joyful and all that is in it.**

(Adapted from Brendan O'Malley, from Celtic Blessings and Prayers)

*(Please stand as able)*

**Hymn:** Voices United #703 "In the Bulb There's a Flower"

**Scripture:** Psalm of Spring's Coming

***GENESIS 1:11-12 (Creation of Plants and Seeds), GENESIS 2:7,15***

***Matthew 13:31-32 (parable of the mustard seed)***

***John 12:24 (a grain falls into the ground and dies)***

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

For the Sacred Story is God's story,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Music Meditation:** "In The Garden"

**Life Lesson:** "Lord of All Creation: God Bless the Farmer"

## ***Blessing Prayer for a Garden***

### ***Seeding Our Prayers***

***Action in response:*** *(Seeds are planted)*

**We offer the seeds of the earth and the seeds of our lives, that they might bring blessing to all the world. We pray in the name of Christ, who sowed the seeds of transforming love.**

**Amen**

### ***Blessing Prayer for Seeds***

*(Please stand as able)*

**Hymn:** Voices United # 306 "God of the Farmlands"

### **Farmer's Creed**

### **Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story)**

*4H Club mission minute.*

[\*Leeds 4-H Association - 4-H Ontario\*](#)

[\*Grenville 4-H Association - 4-H Ontario\*](#)

### **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."***

*(Please stand as able)*

**Hymn:** Voices United # 517 "Praise God for the Harvest"  
(Tune VU 660)

## **Commissioning & Benediction**

### **CHORAL AMEN:**

**Postlude:** *"Take Me Out to the Barnyard"* (X2)

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## **Announcements**

**Please join us for a time of Food, Faith and Fellowship**

**downstairs in the Fellowship Hall:** which is accessible with our lift! Please make sure that we treat this lift with respect... as we do not want people to get stuck in it and cause any damage as well. We need to be considerate not just towards each other but also towards the equipment that we have obtained. Please carefully allow the Lift operators guide you and get you to your destination safely. 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](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity's website DONATE button
- and by PAR

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**Food Bank:** Starting in May, Trinity United will be collecting items from the Smiths Falls Food Bank's wish list. Each month we will collect a specific item(s) and our goal is to collect 60 of each item each month. For May we will collect **NUT FREE Granola Bars and Pudding Cups**. Let's see if we can meet our goal of 60 of each item. We can do it!

**Trinity Book Club** – **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parlour at Trinity.** The book this month is "Vinegar Hill" by A. Manette Ansay. Next month we meet on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The book will be "The Inheritance" by Joanna Goodman.

**Bethel Church Fashion Café** – **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 4 pm**  
Come and browse through a collection of new to you fashion accessories and have a cup of tea or coffee and a snack! All are welcome!

**Red Dress Sunday:** On **May 4<sup>th</sup>** We will be observing the day by giving a voice to those who no longer have one. The goal of the day is to honour and bring awareness to the thousands of



Indigenous women and girls, and two-spirit people who have gone missing or who have been murdered. Flora Riley will be here to honour her sister who is one of these women.

**A Festival of Music** – **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** at St. John's Anglican Church, 2 George St. S., Smiths Falls. This event is celebrating 175 Years for St. John's and several churches and local musicians will be performing, including our very own Choir!! This is a no-cost event and everyone is welcome!!

**UCW Ladies are invited to a Tea Luncheon on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Bethel United Church.**

**Annual Mushroom Compost Sale–It's that time of year again!!**  
Cost: still \$10 per 25 L bag. On sale starting **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at the REAL DEAL parking lot, 85 William St. Smiths Falls. Trinity volunteers on site Saturdays, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17 and Long Weekend Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go to the Life and Work of Trinity.

**New to You Sale** – **The new date for the sale is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 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!!

**Geraniums for sale** – Order your Geraniums by calling the Church office at 613-283-444 or orders will also be taken following Sunday morning services starting **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Colours this year are

red, white, pink, orange and salmon - 4 plants for \$12. Note that some colours are in limited supply. Order early to avoid disappointment. Pick up date will be **Saturday, May 31st, 9:00 a.m. until noon.**

**Centennial Celebration – Sunday, June 15th at 11 am:**

Plan to attend this once in a lifetime service at the EY Centre in Ottawa. Trinity United has reserved a coach bus for those wishing to attend. The bus will depart at 9:15 am. Please R.S.V.P. no later than May 25, 2025. Space will be limited so don't delay. There is a sign-up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary or you can contact the office at 613-283-4444 to reserve your seat.

**The Easter Communicator** is available at the back of the church for those who would like a physical copy or would like to pass on to a friend. In an effort to reduce the number of copies we mail via Canada Post, please let us know if you would like to be added to the email list by emailing the office at [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)

***This Week at Trinity...***

<b>Monday, April 28 – Office</b> <b>Chair Exercise</b> <b>Book Club</b>	<b>9am – 1 p.m.</b> <b>11:00am – 12:00pm</b> <b>7 pm – Downstairs Parlour</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 29 – Office</b>	<b>9am – 1pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 30 - Office</b> <b>Bible Study – All Are Welcome</b>	<b>9 am – 1pm</b> <b>9:30am – Downstairs Parlour</b>
<b>Thursday, May 1 - Office</b>	<b>9 am – 1pm</b>
<b>Friday, May 2</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, May 4 – Red Dress Day</b> <b>Worship Celebration –</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>