



Trinity United Church

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September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive, Accessible and
an Affirming Congregation



*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!

WE GATHER AS PENTECOST PEOPLE

Gathering Music: *"Like Jesus" - (Official Video)" - Danah-Lee*
(Concert at Trinity Sept. 28, 2025 @2:30 p.m.)

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)

Announcements: Community in Action

Introit: VU 356 *"Seek Ye First"*

Spiritual Focus

*"Unlike the world, God repeatedly calls **Everyone** with LOVE and calls us to do the same. Live **Love** and Let **Love** Live..."*

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive) Psalm 139:

One: O God, you have searched us and known us.

All: You know when we sit down and when we rise up.

One: You discern our thoughts from far away.

**All: Before a word is on our tongues, Lord,
you know it completely.**

One: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us,
and so we humble ourselves in worship.

**All: In this hour, search us and know our hearts, O God,
and lead us in the way everlasting.**

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

Hymn of Witness: Voices United #264

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, Music: Welsh Folk song. Arranged by John Roberts (Henllan) in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*. Public Domain

(Please be seated)

Prayer of Praise & Illumination (All):

Storytelling God, who is alive in and through us.

Speak to us once again through your Mighty Love.

May we remember that our story is Your story.

We are called and are still being called to live as people who are lost but found. This is not by our power but by the power of Your Unconditional Love. You are the source of wisdom we seek.

We come to praise you, for your stories have the power to comfort, challenge, and change us.

Help us Hear, Understand and Act through Your Living and Loving Word, Today and always. Amen.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: *Lee Davidson*

Gospel of Luke 15:1-10 (NRSVue)¹

Reader: May God, add Blessings of Wisdom to our understanding.

All: Amen

Meditation: Shepherd of Love (Piano only)

Life Lesson:

"Seeking, Sweeping, Finding, Rejoicing..."



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please remain seated)

Hymn of Assurance: **Voices United #266**

"Amazing Grace"

Words: John Henry Newton 1779; Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831 Public Domain

Prayers of Hope and Healing



Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council's Prayer Cycle

We lift up – *Cassburn Pastoral Charge (The Genesis Cooperative of The United Church of Canada - Vankleek Hill)*

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (All)

¹ New Revised Standard Version updated edition.

Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story)

Reader: Brenda King

Supporting 40 days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

Published On: August 19, 2025

"Our congregation discussed the 40 Days program, and so many great, appreciative comments and learnings were shared. Implicit bias was an important learning that many commented on. We appreciate all the contributions and are delighted each day with new insights, prayers, and activities. Thank you!"

This reflection from a past participant captures just a glimpse of the transformation that happens during 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism. For forty days each fall, people from across Canada and beyond, inside and outside The United Church of Canada, step into a journey of learning, faith, and action.

It's not a quick or easy process. The conversations can be challenging. They invite participants to see where racism exists—in systems, in communities, and sometimes in their own assumptions—and to ask hard questions about what justice looks like in real life.

Every day offers something to help guide that work: prayers that center the heart, reflections that open new perspectives, videos and stories that bring real-life experiences to the forefront, and action steps that turn learning into tangible change. The resources are created by people from across the United Church—ministers, lay leaders, educators, and community members—who share from lived experience, deep study, and careful analysis.

It's not just about understanding racism; it's about dismantling it. This year's program runs October 14 to November 28, 2025, with

live online events with dynamic speakers every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. ET;
weekly short videos with accompanying reflections and action items; and
downloadable resources for both groups and individuals.

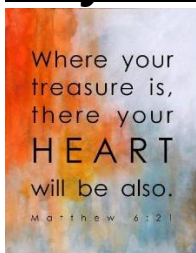
While the 40 days create a season of engagement, the work does not end there. Resources remain available year-round so that individuals, congregations, and community groups can keep learning, keep talking, and keep acting, because anti-racism is not a box to check, but a lifelong journey.

Your [Mission and Service](#) gifts make this vital work possible, 40 days at a time, and every day in between. Through your generosity, the United Church of Canada continues to move toward its vision of becoming an anti-racist church, and toward a world where every person is treated with dignity, equity, and love. Thank you.

Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

*Mindful of the abundance we have received from God,
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):



Lord God, receive our gifts offered in a spirit of generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the work that you long to do in the world, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Sunday School Children come into the Sanctuary while we sing the next hymn)

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Going Forth: More Voices #33

"Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope"

Words and music: traditional song. Cameroon: arr More Voices, 2007; Arrangement copyright ©2007 The United Church of Canada

Time with Youth / Blessing of the Backpacks



(We invite all children/students to come forward)

One: Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gather..... And, as in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students.

They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call

to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen².

(Distribution of gifts while we sing the next verses)

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(Please Remain Standing)

Commissioning & Benediction


Choral Amen Voices United #967

Postlude: "Praise Him, Praise Him"

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Announcements

† Trinity's building is **open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday - (Closed on Statutory Holidays)**

 **Trinity United Church** endeavours to be scent free environment for the well-being of ALL people. There are many who are sensitive to scent. Help us keep the air we share healthy for everyone.



² <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-blessing-of-the-backpacks-and-the-school-year> - August 9, 2025

Offering Options - Thank you for your generosity.

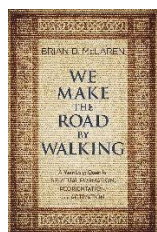
There are many ways you can partner up with **God's Dream** for this world through **Trinity United Church** and help make a difference. You may share your **gifts, time and talent**.

If you choose to make a financial gift you may do:

- ✚ by cheque. Deliver in Person or mail cheque to church office:
Trinity United Church - 41 Market St N, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2E7
- ✚ by E-transfers to **secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca**
- ✚ by Credit Card through **CanadaHelps**.
○ <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/28301>
- ✚ by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Forms are available at the entrance of Sanctuary.

Chair Exercise starts on **Monday, September 15th** at 11 am.
See you all there!

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.



The Bible Study Journey begins with Brian MacLaren. "We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation". All are welcome as able, if you miss a week here or there it does not matter. Books are available for purchase at the church office. **Rev. Takouhi is willing to offer evening virtual gatherings, for those who are unable to join on Wednesday mornings, let Rev. Takouhi know if you are interested –**
revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca

Food Bank Challenge: The items for September are juice boxes and shelf stable drinks. Thanks everyone for the August donations. We received 291 items!!

Annual Mushroom Compost Sale – **We still have some compost for sale at a clearance price. Cost is now \$5 for three 25 L bags.** On sale at the REAL DEAL parking lot, 85 William St. Smiths Falls from Wednesday to Saturday. Proceeds will go to the Life and Work of Trinity until sold out.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB will be starting up again in September. We meet the last Monday of each month in the Church Parlour (downstairs) from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. to discuss the selected monthly book. We mostly read fiction but occasionally drift into non-fiction. At the September meeting we will comprise a list of books for the year. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Our summer read was **The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish.** Our September selection is **The Love Story of Miss Carmichael by Beth Morrey.** Hope to see some new faces! Contact for information: Barb Hicks
dhicks11@cogeco.ca

Accessibility Ramps in Gym - Work will begin on the accessibility ramps on Tuesday, Sept. 16th, and should be completed by September 26th. As a result, one of the user

groups will move to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 16th and Tuesday, September 23rd from 11 am to 1:15 pm.

Photo directory is coming! Be sure to signup for the end of October. See Cory at the sound booth or email coryagnew@hotmail.com or call the office at 613-283-4444.



Sunday, September 21, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

Our Preacher will be Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly will be our preacher and our musician will be Mr. Paul Sales, who will introduce and teach us a few of the new hymns from ***Then Let Us Sing!*** The new collection of worship music of our United Church.



Followed by: **Labyrinth Dedication** at **2:00 p.m.** Where First Responders, other guests and everyone are invited. This has been a labour of Love for this Community of Faith, and your Prayers, Promotion, Presence, and Participation are greatly appreciated.



Sunday, September 28, 2025 @ 2:30 P.M.

Fall into Music Concert Series at Trinity – Concert #1

Danah-Lee - Canadian Contemporary

Christian/LGBTQ2s+ Singer-Songwriter and Producer.

www.danahleemusic.com

Tickets are available!



Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 2:30 P.M.

Fall into Music Concert Series at Trinity – Concert #2

Mary's Merry Minstrels: Mary A. Kennedy, a fiddle teacher from Kingston along with an assortment of 10-to-20 other local musicians. The show will consist of various fiddle tunes as well as other genres of music.

This Week at Trinity...

Monday, Sep. 15 – Office	9 am – 1 pm
Tuesday, Sep. 16 – Office Potluck & Praise	9 am – 1 pm 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Sep. 17, 2025 – Office Bible Study Rosebridge Manor – Chapel	9 am – 1pm 9:30 am – 10:30 am 2:00 pm
Thursday, Sep. 18 – Office Van Horne – Chapel Service	9 am – 1pm 2:00 pm
Friday, Sep. 19	Office Closed
Saturday, Sep. 20	Office Closed
Sunday, Sep. 21 Preacher: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly Musician: Mr. Paul Sales Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi	Office Closed 10:30 a.m.