

Bulletin for Leaders, Choir and those requiring Large Print



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Thirteenth of Pentecost/Creation Time 1



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*(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



Welcome, as we gather for worship this Sunday morning we come to celebrate our first Sunday back at Trinity. 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 EASTER PEOPLE

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.

Announcements: Community in Action

Introit: More Voices #7 “Gather Us In”

Spiritual Focus: *"Do you believe that you are fearfully and wonderfully made? Why or why not?"*



Lighting of the Christ Candle *Gathering Pentecost 2, 2025,, Beth W Johnston, Year C, used with permission*

In a time of change and confusion,
we need a source of unwavering light.

In a time of transition and change,
we need a light to show us the way.

May the light of Christ
be this light for every one of us.

May it shine in our hearts all of our days.

Gathering Call: (Responsive) *Gathering Pentecost 2, 2025, Richard Bott, Year C, used with permission (from Jeremiah 18:1–11)*

We are clay in the Potter's hands,
worked on the wheel of life,
moulded and shaped by God's touch,
sometimes gently turned,

sometimes forcefully moved,
always being changed by God's love.

We offer ourselves to God Most Holy this day.

We offer our lives, our fears, and our loves,
trusting that God will mould us as God wills.

We come to worship God the Potter.

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Invitation: Voices United #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

1.Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
Tender and true, tender and true,
Out of the heart of the Father above,
Streaming to me and to you:
Wonderful love, wonderful love,
Dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2.Jesus the Savior this gospel to tell
Joyfully came, joyfully came,
Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
Sharing their sorrow and shame,
Seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
Saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3.Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
Why do they roam? Why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
Home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love,
Dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4.Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!

Come and abide, come and abide,
Lifting my life till it rises above
Envy and falsehood and pride:
Seeking to be, seeking to be,
Lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

(Please be seated)

Opening Prayer *Gathering Pentecost 2, 2022, Beth W Johnston, adapted and used with permission.*

You call us, O God,
as you called people of long ago,
as you called Jeremiah when he was a boy.
You continue to seek to influence us, as a parent or grandparent
or teacher seeks to guide their children.
You seek to be in relationship with us so that the world can be
transformed by your love and grace, working in and through us.
Help us to be open to your call.
Help us to follow you in all the circumstances of our lives. Amen.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

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Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word...By your Spirit, come to us, now, in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbour; we pray in the name of Jesus, our light.
Amen.

Scripture:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 139 Voices United Pg. 861

Psalm 139

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Refrain

Hal H. Hopson 1989

God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

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The image shows a musical score for the Refrain of Psalm 139. It is written for voices in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "God, you have searched me, you know me through and through." The score is attributed to Hal H. Hopson, 1989, and is copyrighted by Hope Publishing Company.

O God, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You discern my path and the places I rest; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely. You guard me from behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery; I cannot fathom it.

Refrain: God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

Where can I escape from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.

If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,

there also your hand will be guiding me your powerful hand holding me fast.

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,"

even darkness is not dark to you: the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Refrain: God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

It was you who formed my inward parts; you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.

Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was being fashioned in secret, intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

Your eyes saw my substance taking shape; in your book my every day was recorded; all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be.

Refrain: God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!

I try to count them but they are more than the sand. I come to the end - I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error

and guide me in the everlasting way.

Refrain: God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 NRSVUE

The Potter and the Clay

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

For the Sacred Story is God's story,

All: For the Sacred Story is Our Story

Reader: Thanks be to God.

Music Meditation:

Reflection: "God is the potter; we are the clay."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Hymn: Voices United 376 "Spirit of the Living God"

(Please be seated)

Mission Story:

Our Past, Present and Future

Published on August 19th

For 100 years, people of The United Church of Canada have faithfully come together to follow Jesus and help others. Through Mission and Service, we have supported people in need across Canada and around the world—bringing food to the hungry, shelter to the vulnerable, justice to the oppressed, and hope to communities.

This is ongoing work. And as we look ahead, we know the needs we face will not disappear—they will deepen. Poverty, injustice, and the climate crisis will continue to challenge us, but so will our call to respond with love, compassion, and courage.

That's why we are invited to take part in something extraordinary: the Centennial Legacy Campaign. This is the most ambitious

initiative our church has ever taken on. Its goal is to inspire legacy gifts that will strengthen local communities of faith, Mission and Service, and The United Church of Canada Foundation.

These gifts will honour our past, sustain our present, and ensure that our church will keep meeting the world's needs for the next hundred years—offering security, faith, and community for generations to come, and sharing God's love boldly, generously, and without hesitation.

When we give to the [Centennial Legacy Campaign](#), we are not only helping today; we are also planting seeds of hope for tomorrow. Together, we can ensure that this ministry continues to grow, adapt, and serve in a world where it is increasingly needed. Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the hope you bring to the future of our church and the world.

Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances, Gifts and Talents to God:

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."

Invitation: *Gathering L/E 2022 Frances Flook, Used with permission*

God's good purposes for the world will prevail. This is the truth we proclaim with confidence.

We are invited to live our lives and share our gifts to help live out this hope and promise.

We are invited to work God's purposes in our community and beyond.

That is why we share together in our morning offering.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

We bring our offering today asking that you bless it and mould it for your work in this wobbly, broken world. May all that we contribute be for your glory and the care of your good creation in this community of faith, in our communities and in the world. Fashion us to be your people, for we ask this in Jesus name. Amen

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO LIVE AND LET LIVE AS EASTER PEOPLE**

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Gracious Creator, you are the potter and we are the clay. We offer our prayers this day in gratitude and thanksgiving, for in Christ you have laid a foundation for us that we might follow you more closely, and so ...

we pray for the mission of your church; especially, today we pray for the community of faith at Boyd's United Church. We pray that you continue to mould and fashion their ministries. You know us through and through, and so we pray for our new Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, for the Executive Secretary, the Rev. Michael Blair, and for the GC 45 Commissioners. Thank you for

the joy and encouragement we receive from you through our church family; may the grace you give us plant faith and build love where you lead us...

Solo: Vanessa

Abba, Abba, Father

You are the potter, we are the clay

The work of Your hands

Mold us, mold us and fashion us

Into the image of Jesus, Your Son

Of Jesus, Your Son

We pray for your creation: we pray for all those affected by drought, wildfires and the storms of nature. We pray when we break down and destroy the fabric of your world give us the will to amend our ways as we seek to live in harmony with the goodness you have created...

Solo: Vanessa

Abba, Abba, Father,

You are the potter, we are the clay

The work of Your hands

Father, may we be one in You

May we be one in You as He is in You

And You are in Him.

We pray for all leaders and people of this world. With one heart and in solidarity with the World Council of Churches we pray for Benin, Ivory Coast, and Togo. We pray for those living in war torn places in this world. Give each of us a clear vision of the world as

you intend and the will to realise that dream of justice and peace for all.

We pray for all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: bring refreshment to their hearts through Christ that they may know your abiding presence and power to comfort and heal. We pray for the dying and those who have died: may they rest in your eternal peace...

Solo: Vanessa

Abba, Abba, Father

You are the potter, we are the clay

The work of Your hands

Glory, Glory and praise to You

Glory and praise to You forever, amen

Forever Amen

In the silence of our hearts, we pray in the name of Jesus, that you will meet us and mold us, hold us and guide us as the prayer Jesus taught is sung for us.

The Lord's Prayer ~Vanessa London, solo

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please, stand as able)

Hymn of Going Forth: More Voices #161: "I Have Called You by Your Name."

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

(Please be seated)

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
One God, Mother of us all,
Keep you in love,
Challenge you in faith,
And sustain you with grace,
This day and always. Amen.

Choral Amen

Postlude:



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.



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.

Food Bank Challenge: The items for September are juice boxes and shelf stable drinks.

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.

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.

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

This Week at Trinity...

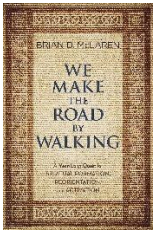
Monday, September 8 – Office Hours	9 am – 1pm
Tuesday, September 9 – Office Free pickup lunch	9 am – 1 pm 1 pm
Wednesday, September 10 – Office	9 am – 1pm
Thursday, September 11 – Office Broadview Long-Term Care	9 am – 1pm 11 am (Chapel Service)
Friday, September 12	Office Closed
Saturday, September 13	Office Closed
Sunday, September 14 Sunday School (Blessings of the Backpacks) Worship Celebrations	Office Closed 10:30 am

Mark Your Calendars

Save the Dates and Spread the Word:

-  **Sunday, September 14, 2025** – Rev. Takouhi will lead worship and we will celebrate Back to School and do blessing of the back packs that students bring to church. Note that Sunday School starts again on this Sunday, and will continue to be the 2nd and last Sunday of each month throughout the year. Invite children/students of ALL ages!

✚ **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 interested – revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca***

✚ **Sunday, September 21, 2028 – 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 is 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 Now!

 **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.