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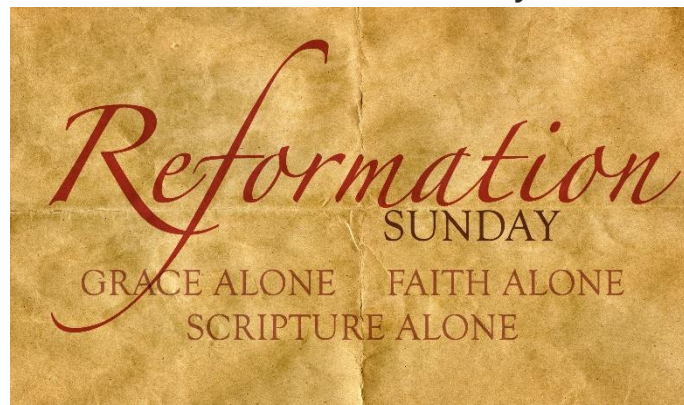
(613-777-0880)

October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday - October 31, 1517

(501st Anniversary)



***(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. *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 GRATEFUL PEOPLE

Prelude *(We prepare our hearts for worship)*

Welcome



Land Acknowledgement



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

Spiritual Focus

“All those who look to God are called righteous and successful not because of what they’ve done, but because of who they are...”¹



**Lighting of the Christ Candle
& Affirming Candle**



Call to Worship² *(Inspired by Psalm 65)*

One: God moves with us throughout this earth
and nurtures the soil,

All: Our neighbors are awed by God’s works.

One: God’s river flows with water,
and the fields are blessed by the Spirit,

All: Our neighbors are awed by God’s gifts.

One: God’s wilderness fields overflow with joy.

All: Our neighbors are awed by God’s grace.

¹ <https://www.davidlose.net/2019/10/reformation-pen-20-c-justified/> - (Paraphrased) October 19, 2025

² <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-20c-october-26/> - October 19, 2025

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

Hymn of Praise: Voices United #213

“Rejoice, The Lord is King”

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(Please be seated)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life³ (All):

God of the Mountains and Canyons,

The range of emotions that wash through us are often triggers for the ways we hold ourselves. At times, we seek humility, but often find ourselves believing we do not deserve your love. Other times, as we search for confidence, we believe we are your favorites and find ourselves in moments of comparison, contrast, and judgment. Are we better than our neighbors? How can we relate to siblings in Christ when their lives are not like ours and they stand out when visiting our spaces? We are misguided as we give thanks that our lives are not as chaotic and unkempt as theirs. Yet you ask us to seek humility and know that each of your children are loved equally. Help us to extend mercy to our neighbors, and fill their minds with words of encouragement. May each of us know our value in your Realm and experience your love in its fullness. Amen.

Hymn of Illumination: Voices United #520

“We Plough The Fields”

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³ United Church of Christ – U.S.A.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: *Jo-Anne Chin*

Gospel of Luke 18:9-14 (NRSVue)⁴

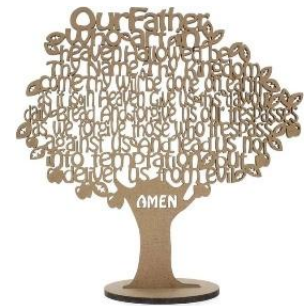
The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

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

All: Amen

Choir Anthem

Life Lesson: *"By Faith Alone!"*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please remain seated)

The Prayer Request Box is brought forward as we sing the next hymn.

Hymn of Assurance: More Voices #90

"Don't Be Afraid"

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

✚ Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council's Prayer Cycle

We lift up – *Melville, Eganville Pastoral Charge*

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (All)

Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story) – *Brenda King*

Healing with Horses: Transforming Through Trust

⁴ New Revised Standard Version updated edition.

Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

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

Doxology - Voices Unted #541

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GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Announcements: Community in Action

**Time with Youth
&
Young at Heart**



(Please stand as in body and/or Spirit)

Hymn of Going Forth: "O, Creator of the Cosmos"

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(Please Remain Standing)

Commissioning & Benediction



Song of Celebration Voice United Page 958

"Halle, Halle, Hale"

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Postlude: Musical Improvisation on BEACH SPRING

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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.



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:
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✚ by E-transfers to **secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca**

✚ by Credit Card through **CanadaHelps.**

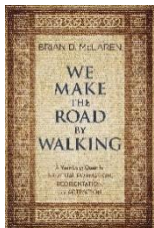
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/28301>

✚ by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Forms are available at the entrance of Sanctuary.

+ **Trinity is putting together a Cookbook, and we need your help!** *How often have you gone to a potluck or are visiting a friend and wondered what was in that dish? We are hoping to compile a number of recipes from all of you to include everything that would normally be seen in a cookbook, along with a couple of new sections....such as Gluten Free, Lactose Free, Diabetic, or Cooking for One. If your recipe is suitable for one of these new sections, please label it as such. You can submit your recipes by placing them in the basket outside the sanctuary or you can send them electronically to tuccookbook@gmail.com Thank you!*

+ **Trinity's United Church Women** are selling beautiful **18" Christmas wreaths** again this year. **Sale starts September 29 and ends November 7th.** Pick up date will be November 25th at 1:15 p.m. **To order, call the office 613-283-4444 or Linda Zieman 613-283-2728.** The great news is that **the price has not gone up this year. \$30.00** – you won't get a better deal elsewhere. Proceeds support the ministries of the UCW. And, also, this supports a small independent business.

+ ***Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.***



This Wednesday, October 29 - Chapters 7.

"We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation" by, Brian McLaren.

✚ **Resting in Silence: Christian Meditation – Sunday mornings** starting **September 28th to November 2**, at **8:30 a.m.** in the Upper Room. For more information, please contact Carol Williams at 613-269-4427 or by email at carolwilliams.ca@proton.me

✚ **2025 Kettle Season** – The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with the kettles. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts from November 14th to December 24th. Please call Mary Lynn 613-283-3563, if you are able to help.

✚ **Referrals for Christmas Assistance** – If you know of a family who needs assistance during the Christmas Season, the Salvation Army is able to provide Christmas Hampers. Please contact the Trinity Office at 613-283-4444 to obtain a form. Forms must be in no later than October 31st.

✚ **Trinity's Monthly Food Bank Challenge** – Monthly goal is to meet or beat 60 items. This month, we are collecting **Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Hot Apple Cider, Flour, Sugar, Spices, and baking ingredients to make cookies, etc.** Please check expiry dates.

✚ **Potluck and Praise** will move to the **fourth Tuesday for October**. Please join us on **Tuesday, October 28th** at 6 p.m. and bring a dish to share!

+ TRINITY BOOK CLUB meets the **last Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parlour. Anyone interested in reading and discussing the monthly book is invited to join in.**
October book: *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael*
November book: *The Paris Deception* and December book: *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* (meet early January due to holidays). The full list for 2025/2026 is posted on the board at the front entrance.

+ All Saints Day Lit Labryinth Walk – Saturday, November 1st at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Church. All are welcome!

+ Sunday, November 2, 2025, Trinity United Church will officially welcome full members. If you are considering making Trinity United Church Your Spiritual Home address, please contact Rev. Takouhi at revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca Or by phone - direct line: 613-777-0880 By **October 19.**

+ Saturday, November 8th – Holly Luncheon - 10:30 am to 1:30 p.m. Lunch served 11 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$10 per plate. There will be various tables such as baked goods, hand knitted/Crocheted items and Christmas themed gifts. Donations for the gift tables may be placed on the stage during office hours. Baking can be brought to the Church by 4 pm on Friday, November 7th. Please join us!!

**+ CHRISTMAS CONCERT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6,
2025 @ 7:30 P.M. - A Trinity favourite, THE BARREL BOYS
BLUEGRASS BAND,** bring their entertaining show of original
and old favourite Christmas tunes along with their
stories. The Band offers rich vocal harmonies and
virtuosic instrumental playing. **\$25 in advance or
\$30 at the door. Children \$10. Tickets available
on Eventbrite or through the Church Office 613-283-
4444. You don't want to miss this show!**



This Week at Trinity...

Monday, Oct. 27 – Office Chair Yoga	9 am – 1 pm 11 am – 12 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 28 – Office Potluck & Praise	9 am – 1 pm 6 pm
Wednesday, Oct 29 – Office Bible Study Chapter 7	9 am – 1pm 10 am
Thursday, Oct 30 – Office	9 am – 1pm
Friday, Oct 31	Office Closed
Saturday, November 1 Labyrinth Candlelight Walk	Office Closed 7 pm
Sunday, November 2 Worship Celebration We Officially Welcome Members	Office Closed 10:30 a.m.