



Trinity United Church
THE LENTEN BLUES
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 13th 2022

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sunday, March 6th 2022

- * indicates to please stand as you are able
- Bold Print** indicates a group response
- VU** = Voices United Hymnbook (Red cover)
- MV** = More Voices Hymnbook (Spiral Bound)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“In every detail a city should reflect that human beings are sacred and that they are equal.” ~ Enrique Penalosa

OPENING SEQUENCE: “Let Us Build a House” (MV 1)

BLUES PRELUDE: “Blind Willie McTell” (Chris Mogan)

WE APPROACH GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God-- God calls you from the depths of your blues.

We are humble dust, we are precious gold.

Come before God in worship, be touched and transformed.

In so doing, we will build up our souls. Amen.

* ♪ **OPENING HYMN:** ““Up from the Depths”” (VU 852)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Have mercy, we pray...

(A pause for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

May we never take for granted all that we are given. May we never assume that God surrounds us with love because we have somehow earned it. Rather, it is God’s nature to bless, and we are creatures alive to the Spirit, made in God’s purposes. Accept that blessing-- and go forward in a forgiven faith. Amen.

FAMILY STORY: “Come with Me” by Holly M. McGhee and Pascal Lemaitre

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S STORY

♩ **CHOIR ANTHEM:** “For Those Tears I Died”

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:31-35
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church Thanks be to God.

* ♪ **HYMN:** “O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns be Rising”
(VU 329)

MEDITATION: “Jesus is no Chicken”

♩ **LENTEN BLUES:** “Summer’s End” by Hannah McCallum

WE CELEBRATE THE STORY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (with the Trinity Sunday School)

WE GO OUT TO LIVE THE STORY

* **HYMN:** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (VU 681)

GRATITUDES AND COMMISSIONING

SUNG BLESSING: “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” (MV 212)

OUR LAY LEADER TODAY IS: Rod Carley

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Trinity United Church gathers on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe peoples of Nipissing First Nations. We acknowledge with respect their history, their spiritual practices and their stewardship of this land.

On your Bulletin: “Strength of Memory” by Australian street artist Fintan Magee. Magee completed this five-story mural on a building in Papeete, Tahiti, in 2019. A young man kneels with his palms facing upwards in defeat or petition. A woman offers compassionate support. The triangular patterning on the man’s forearm is a common tattpp motif in Polynesian culture. Although the mural certainly communicates pain met with comfort, the artist has made no comment to suggest its meaning or intent.

WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING

Please feel free to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for friendly conversation. Coffee is on hold for now.

Family News

We are sad to share the news of the death of Helen Whitehead a beloved member of our church family and choir. Please join me in offering sympathies and prayers to Matt, Sue, Julia, Andrew and family. Funeral details are pending but will likely be on Saturday March 19th at 11 am .

Thelma (Skip) Patterson's funeral takes place this Saturday March 12th from 11:00 am - 11:30 am in the Martyn Funeral Home Chapel. The service will be livestreamed to Martyn Funeral Home's facebook page as well.

Groups and Activities are now resuming – including Sunday School. (The nursery is available by request but is not staffed at the moment). We are excited to welcome you back!

COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE

Proof of vaccination is no longer required (but always encouraged). Please note that masks must be worn at all times and we encourage you to practice physical distancing and increased hand sanitization. Eating and drinking are not permitted unless prior permission has been granted. A reminder that should you be experiencing symptoms of Covid or have been in contact with someone with Covid, we ask you to join us from home by attending our worship service on YouTube.

EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS AT TRINITY

In case of an emergency at Trinity, please know the location of your closest exit door—two at the front, two at the back. We are NOT allowed to use the elevator in the case of an emergency. Ushers & Teachers, are trained to assist you (and the children) downstairs and outside to our emergency gathering location: The Capitol Centre Parking Lot.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR CHURCH AND IN OUR COMMUNITY?

UCW

The UCW (United Church Women) will meet on Monday March 17th at 1 pm. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

UPDATE FROM TRINITY'S LIBRARY

Now that gatherings are allowed again at Trinity, you are urged to take a good look at our extensive library in the newly renovated Fireside Room. There are books to suit everyone's needs - a good fiction section, biography, history and geography, as well as spiritual guidance, devotional studies and grief.

Children's books include general reading, as well as Bible stories, picture books, and loss or grief. Books for children are found by the fireplace along with parenting books.

Please note - it is not necessary to sign out books. TAKE what interests you, READ and RETURN. Thank you! Judi

Ukraine Crisis

The United Church of Canada is receiving funds that will be directed to humanitarian assistance in Ukraine through its ecumenical partner, ACT Alliance, which is responding to the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation. ACT members are scaling up their presence inside Ukraine and in neighbouring countries to aid those impacted by the current armed hostilities. You may donate to the *Conflict in Ukraine* appeal through The United Church of Canada or by cash/cheque to Trinity United Church - please clearly mark "Ukraine Appeal" on your envelope or cheque.

Trinity's Food Shelf is in need of some re-useable shopping bags or plastic shopping bags. If you have any to spare we would be happy to have them. Please only send grocery style plastic or re-useable bags as the other types don't work as well for packing food. Thank-you!

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