



**Trinity United Church  
Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**THE LENTEN BLUES**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: The Prodigal Child**  
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\* 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**

“When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall. Think of it: Always.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi

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

**PRELUDE:**

**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:** “O God How We Have Wandered”  
(VU 112)

**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 before the sung response)*

**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.

**♪CHOIR ANTHEM:**

“You Are Mine”  
by David Haas and Mark Hayes

**FAMILY STORY:**

“Where the Wild Things Are”  
by Maurice Sendak (Red Fox: 1963)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S STORY**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

**♪SCRIPTURAL DUET:** “The Prodigal Son” (Performed by Don Haslam and Bryan Boothe, written by John Greenwood)

**MEDITATION: “Choosing Hell”**

**Article XIX.** Of the Resurrection, the Last Judgement, and the Future Life. We believe that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust, through the power of the Son of God, who shall come to judge the living and the dead; **that the finally impenitent shall go away into eternal punishment and the righteous into life eternal.**

**Article XX.** Of Christian Service and the Final Triumph. We believe that it is our duty, as disciples and servants of Christ, to further the extension of His Kingdom, to do good unto all men, to maintain the public and private worship of God, to hallow the Lord’s Day, to preserve the inviolability of marriage and the sanctity of the family, to uphold the just authority of the State, and so to live in all honesty, purity, and charity, that our lives shall testify of Christ. We joyfully receive the word of Christ, bidding His people go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, declaring unto them that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and that **He will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.** We confidently believe that by His power and grace all His enemies shall finally be overcome, and the kingdoms of this world be made the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

♪ **LENTEN BLUES:** “Father and Son”  
(Rick Calhoun and Pat O’Kane)

**WE CELEBRATE THE STORY**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**WE GO OUT TO LIVE THE STORY**

\*🎵**CLOSING HYMN:**“Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love”  
(VU 574)

**GRATITUDES AND COMMISSIONING**

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

**POSTLUDE:**

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**OUR LAY LEADER TODAY IS:** Karen Brophy

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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 Cover:** “Mary of Ukraine”

**WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING**

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

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

### **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.

### **AOTS GIFT CARDS**

Did you know you can purchase gift cards from the AOTS Men's Group that can be used for many of the businesses you shop at? Most grocery stores (including Orchards), gas stations, restaurants (including Tim Horton's), books, movies and more! For every gift card purchased, the AOTS receives a small portion. The money earned helps to fund youth activities and other important ministries. Your support of this program is very much appreciated. To order gift cards or to find out more about this excellent program, please be in touch with Ed Rose (call the church office for his contact information). The next order is being submitted on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank-you!

## **Spring Newsletter**

Please note that items for Trinity's Spring Newsletter are due to Ross by Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note the email address is:

[armbrew57@gmail.com](mailto:armbrew57@gmail.com)

The Spring Newsletter will be distributed beginning on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Volunteers needed**

As we will soon be able to enjoy coffee and a social time after church service volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve and clean up. This involves arriving about 30 minutes before service and staying a short time after to serve and clean up. For more information or to volunteer please contact the church office or speak with Jean Rideout.

## **Earth Day Photographs Needed**

We will be putting together another slide show of photos showcasing the beauty and wonder of our earth. If you have a photo or two you'd like to share with us, please send it to [blais.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blais.trinity@gmail.com) Please feel free to share something about the photo such as a title or location. Please be sure to send these by Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

## **Good Friday Shared United Church Worship hosted by St. Andrew's Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

St. Andrew's is honoured to host this year's joint service for Good Friday and to welcome leaders and congregants from Trinity, Emmanuel and Omond Memorial as we share together the drama of the cross.

Through readings, sound, music and the diminishing light of extinguished candles, we will hear the story of the passion as cued by the sounds of the narrative. The service will be available on St. Andrew's YouTube Channel later in the day as well.

**Easter Lillies:** Would you like to donate an Easter Lily in memory or honor of someone, to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then after service to take home to enjoy ? The plants are \$10.00 each and must be ordered by Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact:  
Rae Brownlee at 705-472-2619  
Sandra Rozicki at 705-495-3415  
Claudette Brown at 705-476-5556

### **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.

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