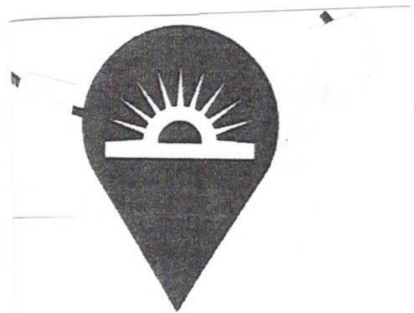




The heart in the heart of Huntsville



EASTER SUNDAY

**Wandering Heart:
"And I hope"**

*LUKE 24:1-12 | Peter
runs to the empty tomb
and learns Jesus is alive.*

Imagine you are Peter
racing to the tomb. How
fast can you go?

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Welcome to Trinity

**Easter Sunday
March 31st — 10 am**

"Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands."

"The Resurrection is more than just a past event or a ticket to heaven. It is a lived reality that has the potential to change us and our world."

WE GATHER AS AN EASTER PEOPLE

Prelude: *Kyung-A Lee.*

Processional Introit: *"We are an Easter People"*

Chorus

**Every morning is Easter morning from now on!
Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

**Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!
Hello God, hello Sun!
I am one of the Easter People!
My new life has begun!**

Chorus

**Every morning is Easter morning from now on!
Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

Greeting

One: We gather both here and at home to proclaim once again: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

All: Jesus lives! He lives in the hearts and minds of all who follow him!

Easter Welcome

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome as we celebrate the Spirit of the Risen Christ anew!

Joy is in the air!

Today is one of the year's most significant celebrations. The Easter season which takes up right up until Pentecost, reminds us that Christ's life is inextinguishable and invites us to know the reality of resurrection every day. In this moment of empty tombs and brightly coloured pots of Easter flowers we come to wonder. We come to hope. But most of all we come together to celebrate Christ's Spirit of aliveness!

(Are you visiting with us on this Easter morning? Some people leave town on Easter weekend and others come to town. We are glad you decided to spend some of your Easter weekend with us. We trust this service will be a blessing to you and that you will be a blessing to others this coming week.)

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

God Moments this week?

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Call to Worship

One: Joy is in the air! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

All: On this Easter Sunday, we realize that the spirit of Jesus is alive and with us still.

One: Resurrection is not just an event of long, long ago. It is not only to be celebrated but also to be lived out in our everyday lives.

All: Yes, we are an Easter people called to bring new life to others.

One: Holy One, rise up within us again this morning and roll away the stones that keep us stuck in our tombs of brokenness.

All: Let us, like the first hint of green renewed by the sun's rays, be renewed by the risen spirit of Christ! Today, we know that death does not have the final say and love lives on.

Easter Morning Hymn: *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (VU 155)*

The Lighting of the Easter Christ Candle

One: Today, we light the Christ candle once again symbolizing that the light always conquers the darkness. It is a light the world tried to extinguish but failed. This light reminds us beyond sadness there is hope. We give thanks for the Spirit of Life alive in Jesus, alive in us and alive in the world working for justice and peace for all God's people. The light has been returned to us. Christ is risen- Hallelujah!

The Christ Candle is now lit.

Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery, we are grateful for the signs of new life within our little deaths. We thank you for the promise of new life even in the moments that seem lifeless. When life gets difficult to navigate may we remember your life and light within us. For those around us who are experiencing grief and suffering may we be for them a reminder of your healing love. Send us out into the world as an instrument of your hope and may we all strive to bring heaven right here on earth. In the Risen Spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

Easter Morning Musical Medley

“Thine Is the Glory” (VU 173 - verses 2 and 3)

“Sing a Happy Hallelujah” (VU 224 - verses 1 and 2)

“Christ Has No Body Now but Yours” (MV 171 - verses 1,2, and 3)

Time with our Light Beamers

Today our Light Beamers are enjoying their Easter Egg Hunt and are going directly to their special time with their Light Beamer leaders after their baskets are filled.

(Our young people are taught the values and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, his love and his compassion for all God’s people. In turn, they learn to share this love and shine their light with others at home, at school and in their communities.)

Congregational Blessing

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

All: And also with you.

Our Easter Morning Anthem: *“Risen! Christ is Risen!”*

We Listen for our Easter Word

Reader: Sally McClelland

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: God of new beginnings, on the first Easter morning the disciples struggled to hear what the women were telling them. They thought it was fake news. Open our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter may feel within reach. And like Peter, upon hearing the news, may we too move closer to you. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Luke 24: 1-12

(Listen anew to the Easter story. A story about life, about hope rising from the tombs of darkness. We are real people living real lives who need real hope now more than ever.)

Reader: Hear what the Risen Spirit is saying to our hearts.

All: Out of the darkest of tombs comes new life. Amen!

The Easter Morning Message: *Resurrection - Fact or Fairytale?*

Our Easter Offering

One: Fear, amazement and disbelief! The astounding news of Easter morning- *Christ the Lord is Risen today!* Risen to proclaim that we must take care of those who are suffering and in need. Risen to proclaim we cannot hoard what is ours without thought of anybody else. Risen to teach us compassion and to share our gifts and blessings with those who need hope and new possibilities.

Our Easter offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn (tune of Edelweiss)

**God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will,
guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth,
help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.**

Offering Prayer

Easter God, here is the work of our hands. Here is the love our hearts. Here is our desire to make a better world. Bless these gifts and may they be used to bring new life to those who need it most. Bless us too and help us to bring new hope and resurrection to our broken world. In the name of the living Christ we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the table- Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Remember how Jesus said: "Do this in remembrance of me".
Remember that life is hard, but God is good.
We never have to walk this road alone.

Greeting

One: Jesus, love resurrected, has met us once again in the garden and touched us with new life.

All: Alleluia! With joy we accept it!

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give thanks for the gift of new life and new possibilities!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God of garden and tomb, God of our faith and our doubt we are running toward you. Like Peter on that Easter morning, we simply cannot stay away. So, with wide eyes and curious minds we bring with us our questions, hopes, joys and concerns.

The Blessing of the Bread and the Cup

Today, as we take part in this meal of remembrance, we remember that first Easter morning when the stone was rolled away and new life and new hope burst forth. We celebrate because we know that the light of Christ cannot be overcome by darkness.

We celebrate because LOVE LIVES ON...

The Bread and the Cup is now served.

(Will the servers of this meal now come forward.)

This is not Trinity's table. This is Christ's table. Jesus welcomed everybody and so do we. Come, for all is ready!

Holy Communion is served- walk up style. People who need assistance will be happily served in their seats.

Post Communion Prayer

Easter God, our bread and our cup remind us that we indeed are the body of Christ, his feet, his heart and his hands in our world today. We are called to BE the church called to share the Good News of "hope rising" with each other and our hurting world. Today, we know that love has won and that hope is real. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Closing Hymn: "One Body in Christ"

**One Body in Christ
Called to share the Good News with the world.
Each of us gifted, made in God's image,
We have a story to tell, a story of love.

We have been baptized in Christ,
The love of our God poured into our hearts.**

**Called to share the mission of Christ,
The Spirit of God alive in our hearts;
To be a light of welcome in the darkness of exclusion,
An outstretched hand of love to everyone!**

**We are one Body in Christ,
Called to share the Good News with the world.
Each of us gifted, made in God's image,
We have a story to tell, a story of love.
A story of love.**

**To give voice to the voiceless,
The unheard in the wilderness,
An outstretched hand of love to everyone.**

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Easter Commissioning

We are an Easter people!
Go with the joy of Easter deep in your hearts!
Go and bring new life and resurrection wherever life may
take you!

Benediction

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's joy filled hand.

Musical Postlude: *"Handel's Hallelujah"*
(Kyung-A Lee and Evin Park on Saxophone)



*Look to your neighbour and to the stranger in the street.
There you will find the risen Christ. Alleluia!*

Joyous Easter blessings from our home to yours this
Easter weekend,

Rev. Diane, Marc and family



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Happy Birthday to you Wanda!

Our long time and faithful Trinity United Church member Wanda Tizzard is celebrating her 98th Birthday in April.

Wanda has the distinction of being the oldest member of Trinity!

Instead of cards and flowers, Wanda would like a donation to be made to the church in her name.

Congratulations Wanda!

Birthday blessings and hugs from all your friends here at Trinity United Church.

Now, let's make it to the triple digits - 100! Rev. D

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

The Outreach Team is asking you to help the local food banks. On the last Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Bank.



➤ **April is canned fruit.**

Easter Memorial Flowers:

In Loving Memory:

Phil (Grandpa) Ramshaw



Remembered by:

Sheila Ramshaw, Kerrie Oates,
Reech Steehl

Lights- Camera- Action!

The last movie for our “God in the Dark” Lenten movie series will be:

- April 4th - “The Most Exotic Marigold Hotel” starring Judi Dench. This is a heartwarming drama involving a group of adults experiencing major life transitions.

After watching our stories, we will briefly discuss where God shows up every day. Showtime is 7 pm. Admission is \$5 and includes popcorn! Best deal in town!

Come and join in some community fun and entertainment! Come and bring a friend! See YOU at the movies! Rev. Diane

Your FundScrip Orders are due next week!! For more information, telephone Gord at 705-789-2062 OR email your order to: gordmitchell46@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



Re Team Leader contact info – please note the correction to Gord Mitchell’s email on last Sunday’s listing, it should be gordmitchell46@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour!

Please see Barb Dalziel (306-960-7349) to discuss signing up for Coffee Hour. The Sundays are as follows:

April 2024

7th –

14th – Marg Adam and Dorothy Russell

21st –

28th –



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
SOUPER SANDWICH LUNCH

SOUP - \$3.00 **SANDWICH - \$4.00**

Hamburg	Garden Herb Turkey
Mushroom Bisque	Veggie Wrap
Green Pea/Ham	Ham/Onion/Cheese
Cr/ Asparagus	Egg Salad
Carrot Sw. Potato	

DESSERTS - \$3.00

Chocolate Cake	Apple Crumble
Queen Elizabeth Cake	Brownie
Lemon Raspberry Cake/Cr.Ch	
Icing	

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