



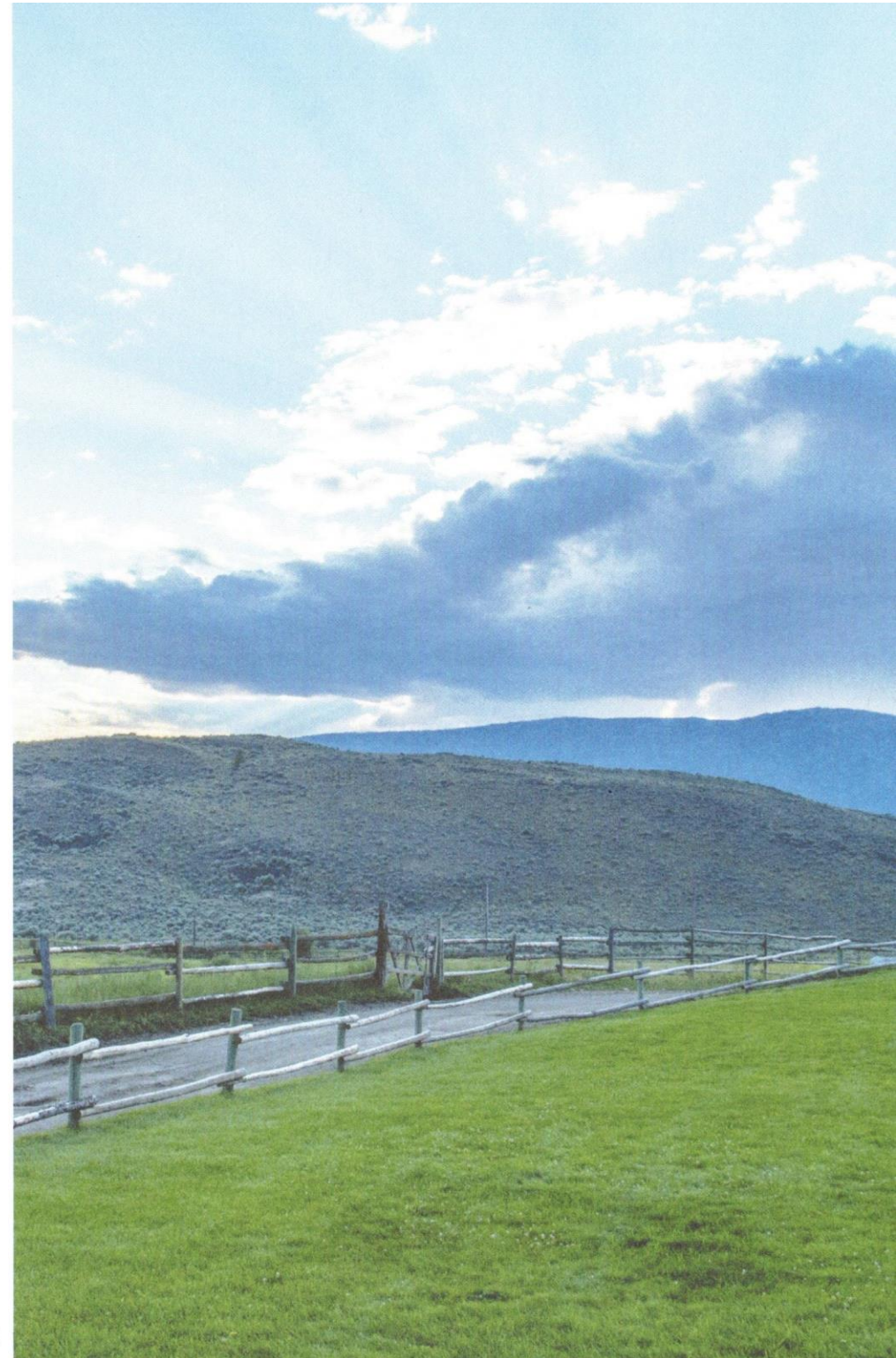
*The heart in the heart of Huntsville*

*Today's bulletin cover is provided  
by Lloyd Henry in memory of  
his beloved wife,  
Margaret Jane Soden-Henry*

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# Welcome to Trinity

## The Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10 am

*“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands.”*

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*“Two are better than one... for if they fall,  
one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and  
does not have another to help.”*  
Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

### WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

**Prelude:** *Kyung-A Lee*

**Introit:**

**Hear what I'm sayin' and hear what I'm prayin',  
You are my disciples when known by love.  
Each time you welcome a sister, a brother,  
you welcome the One whose life is Love.**

Chorus

**So, come together. Yes, come together.  
Come together; arms open wide.  
Break down the borders and build wider tables,  
and reach out your arms. Stretch them open wide.**  
*(Repeat chorus)*

Greeting: This is a day that God has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be grateful in it.**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!  
Welcome in the uniting Spirit of Christ!

**Announcements**

### Joys and Concerns

*“Be a source of comfort and compassion. Rejoice with those  
who rejoice - mourn with those who mourn.”* Romans 12: 15

### God Moments?

*“God is love and all who live in love live in God and God lives in  
them.”* 1 John 4: 16

(Where did God, where did love show up for you this past  
week? When we share our stories, we are sharing ourselves  
and building and strengthening community together.)

### Moment of Quiet Meditation

#### Call to Worship

One: Creator God, we are branches of the life-giving Vine-  
sustained, nurtured and pruned by love.

**All: We have no life apart from love, the life-giving Vine.**

One: When we make our home in the Vine and the Vine  
makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of love.

**All: May your love like a seed take root, grow strong  
and produce in us good spiritual fruit as we build  
community with one another. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** *“Morning Has Broken”* (VU 409)

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the candle this morning, we are reminded we  
too are holy candles. There is a Divine Spark within each  
one of us. We are to not only carry the light but also kindle  
the light in one another, passing the light along. This way  
Christ's light will forever shine in our world.

## Opening Prayer

God of the Vine, we are a work in progress. We are not always the fruit bearing branches you would have us to be. We give thanks for your patience in our growth. You accept us as we are. Some of us are gnarly, twisted vines, some young and robust, others bent and struggling, yet you prune away that which is holding us back. Filled with your promise of possibility may we continue to grow strong and be grounded in your love. Amen.

Light Beamers Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine all over Huntsville, I'm going to let it shine.  
Shine all over Huntsville, I'm going to let it shine.  
Shine all over Huntsville, I'm going to let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let the world blow it out, I'm going to let it shine.  
Won't let the world blow it out, I'm going to let it shine.  
Won't let the world blow it out, I'm going to let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

## Time with our Light Beamers

*(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 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.**

**Choir Anthem:** *"On Eagle's Wings"*

## WE LISTEN FOR OUR EASTER WORD

*Scripture Reader today is: Sheila Petch.*

## Prayer of Illumination

God of Grace may your word abide deep within our souls. Help us to engage with your timeless story with an open spirit and a curious mind. Amen.

## New Testament Reading: John 15: 1-8

(Jesus says: *"I am the Vine and you are the branches."* This is a statement about holy connection. Who or what are you connected with in your life?)

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

**All: Amen.**

**Minister's Message:** *"Holy Connection."*

## Moment of Musical Reflection

## Invitation for Offering

Generous and Loving God, you gave us this world and all that we have. Now we too will offer our gifts to be part of your abundant grace.

Our morning offering will now be received.

## Offering Hymn

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

Holy One, here is the work of our hands. Here is the love of our hearts. Here is our desire to make a better world. Continue to abide in us as Jesus' followers so that our lives may produce good fruit. May our gifts today help to bring your goodness and love to our hurting world. Amen.

**Hymn:** *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* (VU 400)

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

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 from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** *"One More Step Along the World I Go"* (VU 639)

## Commissioning

Go forth into a brand-new week abiding in God's love just like a branch abides in the vine. May you leave knowing in your heart that this connection to the Divine makes all the difference in our lives.

## Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

**Sung Blessing:** *"When You Walk from Here"* (VU 298)

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,  
walk with justice,  
walk with mercy,  
and with God's peace and care.**

**Postlude:** *Kyung-A Lee*



*Join us in Trinity Hall following today's service for a cup of coffee or tea, and fellowship time.*

*Your hosts today: The Affirm Team*



## Spiritual Thought to go:

*God tenderly lifts us up when we have fallen, pruning us to make us fruitful and abundant.  
Go, blessed for you are loved. Go, be a blessing.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

**Congregational Meeting today in the Sanctuary following worship. The agenda will include approval of the updated Constitution and the Vision statement. Everyone is welcome!**

**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.**

### **“Music, the Food of Love” Trinity’s Annual Fundraiser Concert**

We have put together a lineup of incredibly talented local musicians, bringing a variety of musical genres from classical to contemporary. A few performers are Brian Smith, Amy Wallace, Chris Wallace, Chuck McClelland, Martha and Albert Kashap, The Huntsville String Quartet, and our own Trinity choir who will delight us with their performance. I am also humbled to be among the performers for this special occasion.

I hope to see you there! Kyung-A Lee

**When:** Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Time:** 7 pm.

**Location:** Trinity’s Sanctuary.

**Cost:** Tickets at the door \$25 and donations are welcome.

A “Meet & Greet the Artists” reception to follow.

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES today at Coffee Hour.**

**Marion Nichols will accept your \$25 and place you on the Reserved List.**



**The Huntsville Community Choir** is performing in two concerts, Friday May 3rd at 7:30 pm and Saturday May 4th at 2:00pm at Trinity United!



Be prepared to be highly entertained by the choir’s 50 voices and by the beautifully curated selection of Spirituals, Gospel music and others.

Tickets at the door or online at [huntsvillecommunitychoir.com](https://huntsvillecommunitychoir.com)  
\$25/Adult - \$20/student - Free 18 and under.

### **Hello Trinity Friends,**

Once again this year, I will be joining the “Hike for Hospice” to raise operating funds for Huntsville’s very own Algonquin Grace Hospice.

The hike will take place on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and my team, “Queens and Followers”, will hike in memory of our loved ones who spent their final days being cared for by the incredible staff at Algonquin Grace.

If you would like to sponsor me, I will be available after Church Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Hike Day, Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

All donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a charitable donation receipt.

Cash is fine as are cheques payable to “Hike for Hospice”. Donations can also be left in the office with Suzy or placed in an envelope and put in the Ministry & Personnel mail slot located between Suzy and Rev. Diane’s offices. If you prefer, I can send you the link to make an online donation.

Thanks to those that have already sponsored me!

My Trinity family’s support is much appreciated!

Linda Martin





**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
**SOUPER SANDWICH LUNCH**

**(Last one till September 13)**

**SOUP - \$3.00**

**SANDWICH - \$4.00**

Leek-Potato

Tuna

Tomato-Veg

Egg Salad

Seafood Chowder

Chicken Salad

Squash

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Broccoli

**DESSERTS - \$3.00**

Chocolate Cake

Carrot Cake

Date Square

Pecan Cream Delight

**MAY 10th 11.30 - 12.30`**

**“DINE -IN or TAKE-OUT”**

**TAKEOUT ORDER DEADLINE: May 7th**

**CALL: 705-789-5679**

### **Camp Big Canoe Wish List 2024**

Camp Big Canoe has provided a Wish List of items you may already have or wish to purchase. Your monetary donations will be used to purchase larger quantities and other necessary equipment.

Please see Nancy Waxl (705-789-5679) for further information. The deadline for drop off is Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> or if you wish to make a trip to Camp Big Canoe, you may do so after Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Items needed:**

#### **CRAFT**

Plastic lacing (Boondoggle red, yellow, NEON orange, green, blue and purple).

Bristol Board (red, orange, blue, green, pink).

Masking Tape, Painters Tape (green or blue), Duct Tape (many colours), Electric Tape (assorted colours).

Paint Brushes (assorted sizes).

Scissors.

Glitter (assorted colours).

Fabric, Fabric paint, Felt sheets (assorted colours).

Crayola markers, paper bags, stickers, white glue, pipe cleaners.

Popsicle sticks, playing cards, safety pins.

Dress up clothes, white T-shirts (all sizes for tye dying),

Glue guns and glue sticks.

#### **KITCHEN**

Empty plastic containers with lids (margarine, yogurt size).

Large glass jars (like big mason jars) with lids.

#### **OFFICE**

White and coloured paper (8x11).

Pens, pencils, markers, sharpies, rubber bands.

Post It Notes, paper clips, scotch tape, tacks, sticky tack (blue or white).

#### **OTHER**

Rakes, shovels, cordless drill.

Candles new or semi burned.

Iron.

