



The heart in the heart of Huntsville



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Welcome to Trinity

Mother's Day / Family Sunday

May 12th, 2024 - 10 am

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

*"What makes us human is not our mind but our heart;
not our ability to think but our ability to love."*

Henri Nouwen

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude: *Kyung-A Lee*

Introit

**Hear what's I'm sayin' and hear what I'm prayin',
You are my followers 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 love together; arms open wide.
Break down the borders and build wider tables,
and reach out your arms. Stretch them open wide.**
(Repeat chorus)

Greeting

One: We gather as God's beloved people.

**All: May our time together inspire and
empower us for life's journey.**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in Spirit's all-inclusive love.

Whether you're a long-time member of Trinity United Church or simply shopping around for a new spiritual home, we're glad you're here!

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 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: We are here today, because if we realize it or not, we are on a mission-

All: a mission of love.

One: Help us Caring Spirit to be the love that is missing in our hurting world.

All: Compassionate God, walk with us on our life journey.

One: Jesus' whole life and ministry is grounded in love; love for God, love for others and love for the world.

All: Help us to be instruments of love and peace in our families, in our church and in our communities.

Opening Hymn: *"Fresh as the Morning" (MV 28)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The lighting of this candle reminds us of the presence of Christ in our midst. His truth to inspire us. His word to instruct us. And his love to enfold us every step of the way!

Opening Prayer

Spirit of Love, we give thanks for the gift and blessing of families. Today, we honour all families- all shapes and sizes and configurations. We give thanks for those people who support and nurture us along life's path- especially our mothers and our mother-like friends. We pray for those who love us when we're not easy to love. Settle our rattled souls and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Light Beamers Song: "When we all Begin to Love"

(tune of Oh, When the Saints Come Marchin' in)

**Oh, when we all begin to love,
Oh, when we all begin to love,
Oh, it will be a better world,
When we all begin to love.
We need God's love, we need God's care,
Oh, how we need God's love and care
to help us build a better world
and to live in harmony. (repeat)**

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: *“You Are Mine”* Flute: Yuna Park

WE LISTEN FOR OUR EASTER WORD

Scripture Reader today is Judy White.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: 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: 9-17

(Love one another as I have loved you.)

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

All: Amen.

Morning Message: *“What’s love got to do with it?”*

Moment of Musical Reflection

Invitation for Offering

Jesus shows us how to love generously and care compassionately. Let us show our generous love as our morning tithes and offerings are now 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

**Spirit of Life, here is the work of our hands. Here is the love of our hearts. Here is our desire to make this world a better place for our human family. Bless these gifts and may they be used to bring your love to those who need it most. Bless us too and help us to shine our light and hope into our broken and 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: *“A Story of Love”*

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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Benediction

God of love, keep our feet firmly planted in the way Jesus leads us.
Help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us.
Fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.
Go with God, go in gladness and go in peace. Amen.

Sung Blessing

**We are one as we hear, as we hear,
heart and hand unite.
In the world, we receive,
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one- as we leave- as we love we are loved.
And we seek justice in God's ways as we move
together from this place.**

Musical 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: Doug & Barb Golding & John & Julie Brushey.



Spiritual Thought to go:

*"Until we realize that the foundation of all is love,
we will not be at home in the world."*

Father Richard Rohr



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

A Mother's Prayer

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place but have not love -
I am a housekeeper not a homemaker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing and decorative achievement but have not love -
my children will learn cleanliness but not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.
Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned fridge door.

Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.
Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler,
runs with the child, stands aside to allow the teenager to walk into adulthood.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child,
but no lesson is greater than the lesson of love.

Amen.



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.

➤ **May is pre-packaged cookies!**

The **Pastoral Care Team** will meet on Monday May 13th at 1 pm in the Arnold Room.

The **UCW Team** will meet on Tuesday May 14th at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

Rev. Diane is jetting away on her well-earned holidays and following are the upcoming services in her absence:

May 19th with Cathy Fairley taking the service to share her trip to Kenya with us.

May 26th with Reverend Nina Fulford (which will include communion).

June 2nd with our Affirm Team taking the service, which is the first Sunday of Pride month.

Happy holidays Diane!



Bon Voyage!