



The heart in the heart of Huntsville



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Welcome to Trinity

Father's Day Sunday

Sunday June 16th, 2024 - 10 am

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

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 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 together; arms open wide.

Break down the boundaries and build wider tables,
and reach out your arms. Stretch them open wide.

(Repeat chorus)

Greeting

One: We gather as God's beloved people both here and online.

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 and boundary breaking love!

No matter where you are geographically or spiritually you are welcome here at Trinity United Church - the heart in the heart of Huntsville. We are glad you're with us!

We strive to be an inclusive spiritual community seeking to live out a more just and generous Way of Jesus.

Announcements

Joys and Concerns and Thank Yous

God Moments this Week?

Moment of Quiet Meditation

Call to Worship

One: Welcome! Today is a day of celebration for many families today!

All: We are thankful for all our fathers and father figures who have taught us and love us. For dads present and for those who have already crossed over to the other side of this life.

One: Companion God, you call us from our cozy cots, our morning coffee and our busy lifestyles.

All: We are here to learn more about that man from Galilee. That man we call Jesus who was never afraid to push the legalistic envelope in order to love people more fully.

One: When rules and laws suffocate others and need to be challenged;

All: May we boldly speak for those who cannot speak and be gentle as we work for the restoration and healing of our broken world.

Opening Hymn: *“Holy Spirit, Hear Us” (VU 377)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Christ, the light in the world; Christ the light in our homes; Christ the light in our hearts. May we continue to share this spark of light in our world.

Second Hymn: *“Come and Find the Quiet Centre” (VU 374)*

A Prayer in Honour of our Fathers

Companion Spirit, we stop and give thanks for the men who are our fathers.

For our father’s still living and for those whose memory lives on in our hearts, we give you thanks.

Thank you for the love we shared and the love they gave. We lift up to you those fathers who strive today to achieve that delicate balance of work, marriage and children.

When they fail to achieve this goal, give them grace.

For the values they teach and the sacrifices they make on our behalf, our hearts are grateful.

And to the men who are about to become a father or have recently become a father- may they openly delight and love their children unconditionally- mistakes and all. Amen.

Light Beamers Song: *“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (VU 291 - First three verses only)*

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: *“With My Song”*

WE LISTEN FOR OUR EASTER WORD

Our Scripture Reader today is Sheila Petch.

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: Mark 3: 1-6

(The law alone cannot make us kind and loving people. In the stories about Jesus, it often seems like he disregards or even breaks the law. This angers the religious authorities and Jesus finds himself in hot water.)

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

All: Amen.

Morning Message: *“Jesus - A Boundary Breaker!”*

Moment of Musical Reflection

Invitation for Offering

Jesus shows us how to love generously and care compassionately. Let us show our generous love in all that we do and all that we say.

Our morning tithes and offerings 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

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. We believe you are calling us forward into a new day. We believe you have a bright future for us here at Trinity United Church. 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

Alternative version of the Lord’s Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Pain bearer and Life giver,
Source of all that is and all that shall be.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*
(VU 575)

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 tea or coffee, and fellowship time.

Your hosts today: Nina Semper-Ross & Lynne Doyle.

Spiritual Thought to go:



*Jesus didn’t apply labels or play cultural biases.
Instead, he consistently treated people with dignity and love,
breaking down barriers that divided society.
How can we do anything less?*

Rev. Diane

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

A big **THANK YOU** to the **Souper Sandwich Team** under Nancy Waxl for the most generous donation to our Trinity Fund Raising!



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.

➤ **June is Peanut Butter!**

Ministry & Personnel Team Meeting – Monday June 17th at 3 pm in the Arnold Room.

Photographer wanted! Looking for someone to take pics at Trinity events – inside and outside, for posting on our website. Let Lynda Arnold know if you are interested and able!

100th Anniversary Celebrations – The United Church of Canada... any ideas to add to the celebrations this year HERE at Trinity? Let us know!

Announcements

- to be included in the bulletin, must be in the office by Wednesday.
- to be made by Rev Diane on Sunday, must be given to her by Friday.