



**Spiritual Thought to go:**

Rejection is a tough pill to swallow.  
But, in the words of Michelle Obama:  
*"When people go low, you go high."*

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*The heart in the heart of Huntsville*

WELCOME

We're glad  
you're here!



*Loving hearts.  
Open minds.  
Serving hands.*

# Welcome to Trinity

Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10 am

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

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*“Be Here! Be You! Belong!”*

## WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

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

**Introit:** *“Find a Home Here”*

**Find a home here, live out faith here,  
gather strength here, find family here.  
Be yourself here, feel secure here,  
celebrate here, be at home here. (repeat)**

### Greeting

One: Jesus said: “I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly”.

**All: In our lives, may this be so. Amen.**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!  
Welcome in God’s all-inclusive love!

### Announcements

### Joys, Concerns and God Moments

### A Moment of Mediation

### Call to Worship

One: Like the warmth of the summer sun, God’s presence comforts us.

**All: We feel God’s presence here in this place and throughout the week.**

One: We are grateful for this faith community, a place where we are welcome, and we belong.

**All: This community uplifts us in song, in prayer and with an encouraging word. We know how hurtful rejection feels.**

One: Job seekers who are turned down for a position know how rejection feels. Chronically ill persons whose friends cannot bring themselves to visit know this. The bereaved who are ignored after the first few weeks know this.

**All: We feel rejected when we are ignored, talked down to or not heard.**

One: Thankfully, God never rejects us and inspires us to act justly and to help bring heaven here on earth.

**Opening Hymn:** *“Come In, Come In and Sit Down” (VU 395)*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Opening Prayer

**Summertime God, the gifts of this season call to us, but often they call us away from you. There are lakes to be explored, gardens to weed, rivers to fish and swim and people to visit. Draw us back to you as we are drawn to a cold drink on a hot sunny day. Soak into our innermost being. Quiet all that makes us anxious. May our lives be a living faithful reflection of your love. Amen.**

**Summer Music:** *“All God’s Creatures Got a Place in the Choir”*  
*Duet: Sue and Doug Hicks*

## **WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD'S WORD**

*Today's Scripture Reader is Jeannette McCullough.*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Reader: God of Grace may your word abide deep within our souls. When we are renewed with your word, there is a new courage in us to serve and to be a light. Amen.

### **New Testament Reading: Mark 6: 1-13**

*(Jesus is rejected in his hometown. Why did the people reject this hometown boy? He sends out his twelve disciples to teach.)*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **The Minister's Morning Message: "Dusty Feet."**

#### **Musical Reflection**

**Hymn: "In the Garden"**

I come to the garden alone,  
while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

*Refrain:*

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
and He tells me I am His own.

And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that He gave to me  
within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
though the night around me be falling,  
but He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.

### **Invitation for Offering**

One: We are called to be a school of love, the body of Christ in the world.

We are called to care about each other and encourage one another.

We are called to share our blessings with one another.

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**

God, we offer you these gifts for your work and ministry in the world as we strive to bring heaven here on earth. But, more importantly, we offer ourselves so that your Spirit can live in us and flow through us. Accept us and our offering and may they both make this world a better place to live for our entire human family. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer- An Alternative version

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.

*(We will return to the traditional version later in the summer.  
Thank you for keeping your hearts and minds open.)*

**Closing Hymn:** "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" (MV 171)

### The Irish Blessing

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 us all in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

**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: Elsie Corrigan and Nancy Waxl*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

**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.

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**Music At Noon** - Refresh your body and spirit with this mid-day free musical offering here at Trinity! Now celebrating Huntsville Festival of the Arts 23<sup>rd</sup> year!

This year's series is programmed by our own piano virtuoso Kyung-A Lee and is sure to entertain with a program of local artists offering performances in different styles.

Take a break from your day to enjoy the beautiful sounds that come from our local artists – 12 noon.

- July 15<sup>th</sup> - Jack Gaughan
- July 16<sup>th</sup> - The Orillia Silver Band Quintet
- July 17<sup>th</sup> - Young Musicians Showcase
- July 18<sup>th</sup> - Huntsville String Quartet
- July 19<sup>th</sup> - Broadway Tribute





**CPR for the Soul.** How is your soul today? The frantic pace of our noisy world and the constant chaos makes it difficult to hear what is going on in our inner landscapes and our souls.

How can we slow down to be with and experience God's presence more fully?

One faith practice many people follow is going to a spiritual retreat. With this in mind, a one-day spiritual retreat is planned for Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 4 pm at Rev. Diane's place. During this time, we will explore different types of spiritual practices that allow us to grow our spiritual muscles and help us form a deeper and more meaningful connection with the Divine Spark that resides in each and everyone of us. The day will include some structured time together as well as time to just "be" and take in all the gifts of creation summer has to offer to us. No prior reading or homework is required.

Registration is first come first serve and limited to 10 people to ensure the intimacy of the group. Please let Diane or Suzy know if you would like to attend. Another retreat will be held if the interest is there.

What do I bring? A notebook and pen and bathing suit and towel if you want to partake in our "buoyancy" spiritual practice! This is optional!

Cost? \$20 to help with the cost of the lunch and snacks.

*"Come away with me and I will give you rest."*

Yes, even Jesus took time out for prayer and relaxation.

Blessings, Rev. Diane



## Financial Report

Income is up \$16,000 from last year thanks to large increases in Rent, Fundraising and Offerings.

Expenses are on plan with the exception of our plumbing issues. As of the end of June we have a year-to-date net income of -\$4,000.

So far this year, we have contributed \$7,961 to the Mission and Service fund of the United Church.



**The Table Soup Kitchen Foundation** would like to come back to



Trinity's kitchen and hall for their weekly Monday Soup Kitchen meals in the fall. Offering sit down meals would be a return to the heart of this Table ministry. At this point Trinity is working through the logistics of this

outreach programme. Lynne Doyle has provided their 2023 Annual Report for further information. Stay tuned!

## **Sale this week only!!!! Sponsor a bulletin cover for \$20!!**

In keeping with our new branding initiative, please take a moment to look at our new summer bulletin cover. This cover will be used for the summer months and as the season changes there will be a new cover. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin in memory of a loved one, or celebration of a birthday, anniversary or just a special day to you, please let Suzy know. The sponsorship cost is \$30. Thank you.

