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We're glad
you're here!



*Loving hearts.
Open minds.
Serving hands.*

Welcome to Trinity

Sunday August 25th, 2024

10 am

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

*“Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit
for anger resides in the lap of fools.”*

Ecclesiastes 7:9

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

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 and healing love!
Whoever you are and wherever you are on faith’s journey,
you are welcome here. We’re glad you’re 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, Sads and Glads
God Moments

A Moment of Mediation

(You can do this at home during the week too.)

Call to Worship

One: We gather today acknowledging the emotions that dwell within us, especially the anger that sometimes grips our hearts.

All: Holy One, we bring our anger to you seeking your wisdom and your peace.

One: In our moments of fury and frustration, may we remember that God’s love is steadfast, even in our weakness. God loves us no matter what.

All: Teach us Holy One to be slow to anger, quick to listen and abounding in love.

One: With open hearts we ask that our anger be transformed into a force for good. Help us all to more fully embrace the power of patience.

Opening Hymn: *“This Is the Day” (VU 412)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as a symbol of Jesus’ presence with us. We are called to shine the light of Jesus into the world to help make this world a gentler and brighter place for our whole human family.

Opening Prayer

Ever faithful God, you create each of us to be a presence of healing and hope in our world. You equip us to resist actions that hurt ourselves or others. Forgive us when we put aside your vision.

Forgive us when we are quick to anger and slow to show mercy and grace. Remind us of the love and goodness you have planted with us. Draw our hearts and emotions closer to you so we may live more like Jesus. Amen.

Second Hymn: *“Love Is the Touch” (MV 89)*

Summer Music: *Sharon Webster (soloist)*

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD’S WORD

Today’s Scripture Reader is Julie Brushey.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: God of Grace may your word of truth abide deep within our souls. May we not only listen to God’s Word but also live it out in our daily lives. True blessing comes when we apply God’s Word to our lives.

New Testament Reading: James 1: 19-21

(We are to listen deeply to one another with an open heart even when we are experiencing anger.)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to our hearts.

All: Amen.

The Minister’s Message: “The Power of Patience”

(Part one of a two-part message)

Musical reflection

Invitation for Offering

One: Generous and Compassionate One, may the hungry be well fed. And may the well-fed hunger for abundance and justice for all. May we help to bring heaven right here on earth.

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 of light and beauty, every gift is from you. We offer you now the work of our hands and minds and who we are. Use us and our gifts to give birth to a world of equity and justice where none are in need and where all have the ability to draw close to your Presence and grace. 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 us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (VU 424)

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.

Sung Blessing: "Pass it on"

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it; you spread God's love to everyone you want to pass it on.**

Musical Postlude: *Kyung-A Lee*



Join us in Trinity Hall following today's service for a glass of lemonade and fellowship time.

Your hosts today: Jane and Gord Booker and Tony and Sharon Bright.



Quote for the Week ahead



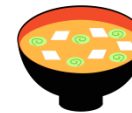
"Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick tempered displays folly."

Proverbs 14: 29

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.

➤ **August is Soup!**



Your FundScrip orders are due next week!!



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Thank you for your support!

Coffee for Sale!

A new shipment of Kenyan coffee has arrived. Proceeds go to the Home of Grace Orphanage in rural Kenya.



Cathy and Craig Fairley will be selling coffee on the first Sunday of every month in Trinity Hall during Coffee Hour. That's next week!!

Trinity Kindness Rock Garden.

Just a reminder to bring your rocks on Sunday. We now have 40 rocks! Please keep the rocks around fist size.



Benevolent Fund Basket

Please remember the Benevolent Fund Basket in Trinity Hall at coffee hour after worship. Your donation for your coffee & goodies helps the Outreach Committee to help others in our community who are going through a difficult time in their lives. Thank you for your support.



Upcoming Fall Book Study starting in September

Have you ever noticed that some people are living vital years past the time most people would call them “productive” ones?

What do they have that you may like to have also?

In Sister Joan Chittister’s book called: **“The Gift of Years - Growing Older Gracefully”**, Chittister writes about life beyond its physical dimension to its spiritual development. In our time together we will discover the mental and spiritual attitudes we bring to the challenges we face as we transition from one decade to another. We must be, in the words of writer Parker Palmer, willing to let go of the life we have planned in order to have the life that is waiting for us.

Would you like to dive more deeply into exploring how each stage of life brings with it its own purpose?

Please join me and our Inspirit Team as we unpack this book starting **Tuesday September 10th from 2-3 pm in the Arnold Room** at Trinity United Church.

This book study will continue weekly until Tuesday October 8th. Please let me or Suzy know if you would like to be part of this book group. It may be a good idea to get a jump on your reading while there are still some summer days to do so. This inspirational and illuminating book encourages us to surmount our fears of getting older and find our meaning and joy in aging well. You can buy this book on Amazon or maybe pick it up at your local bookstore or library. Again, the book is called: **“The Gift of Years - Growing Older Gracefully.”**

Hope you can join us on this spiritual journey of embracing our senior years and all the challenges and gifts they bring to us.

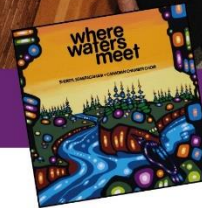
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