



The heart in the heart of Huntsville

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Welcome to Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Christian Family/Mother's Day Sunday
May 11, 2025 - 10 am

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

Jesus says, *"By this everyone will know you are my disciples-
if you love one another."*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S EASTER PEOPLE

Processional: "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.**

Welcome in Friendship!

Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God's all-inclusive love!

*(If you're visiting with us for the first time today- welcome!
Our time together is enriched by your presence.)*

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

A Quiet Moment

Help us Gentle Spirit to be the love that is missing in the world.

Call to Worship

One: Come, people of God, gather in love and in hope for
we are part of our one grand human family.

All: **We come with grateful hearts celebrating the love
that forms us and the grace that binds us.**

One: Today we give thanks for families of all kinds, the ones
we were born into and the ones we've found along the way.

All: **We thank you for mothers, grandmothers and all
who mother for their strength, their tenderness and
their love.**

One: As Jesus gave a new commandment "Love one another"
so we come to learn that love again.

All: **Come on in and allow this space to be a place
where love grows and where forgiveness is practiced.**

Opening Hymn: "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" (VU 395)

Opening Prayer

All: **Companion God, we gather as members of your
family, young and old, each one held in the wide
embrace of your love. We give thanks for the homes
and relationships that have shaped us and for this
church, our spiritual home, where we learn to live out
your love. For those who have mothered us, in birth,
in spirit and in care, for all who have nurtured us along
life's path, we are grateful. Empower us today to
grow as people who love not just in words but also in
action. Amen.**

Time with our Light Beamers

(Our young people are taught the stories and values of Jesus of Nazareth especially his love and compassion for all God's people. In turn, they learn to share this love at home, at school and in their communities.)

Light Beamer Song: "Jesus Loves Me" (VU 365)

The Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Beamers

As we light the Christ candle today, may its flame remind us of the Divine Spark of love which resides in each and everyone of us. Help us to fan this flame into a fabulous fireball of unconditional love and acceptance for all people.

Love is the heartbeat of our faith.

Light Beamer Moment with the Minister

Congregational Blessing

One: "May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem: "Love Grows Here" (D. Besig)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture reader today is Shirley Boon.

New Testament Reading: John 13: 33-35

(This scripture paired with Christian Family Sunday is a powerful combination .

In this passage, Jesus gives his disciples what he calls a new commandment.)

A Mother's Prayer

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in place but have not love,

I am a housekeeper not a homemaker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements 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, then stands aside to let the teenager walk into adulthood.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest lesson of all is love. Amen.

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

All: **Amen.**



The Minister's Message: "The Hardest and Holiest Calling"

Our Offering Invitation

One: May we live out our calling to love one another by sharing the blessings we have with others. Jesus reminds us we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn: (sung to the tune of the Traditional Doxology)

All: Praise God for love in all its forms.

Love sees us through both calm and storms.

God's love is meant for us to share.

May we, in love, reach out to care.

Offering Prayer

All: **Divine Light**, we know we miss the mark sometimes when it comes to sharing what we have with others. Fear makes us feel we don't have enough. Yet, you command us to put our love into action and to take care of the least of these. Remind us again of the importance of this divine work. Bless these gifts so they may bring love and kindness to our hurting world. Bless us too so we may grow more generous hearts and spirits. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families" (VU 556)

Commissioning

One: Go now into the world,
with hearts made tender by compassion
and minds open by understanding.

Benediction

One: May you be a light to those in darkness,
a friend to the lonely,
a voice of kindness in a noisy world.
And may the peace of Christ,
the love of God,
and the healing breath of the Holy Spirit
go with you today and always.

All: Amen.

Sung Blessing: "We Are One" (VU 402 - *last verse only*)

All: **We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite,
In the word 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: Lynda Arnold



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

Your hosts today are Janet Cameron and Diane Schamehorn.



Your spiritual take home for the week ahead

*"In the midst of movement and chaos,
keep stillness inside of you."*

Deepak Chopra



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse food bank.



May is **CRACKERS** (any type/flavour).

Dates for your diary!

Pastoral Care Team – Monday May 12th at 2:00 pm in the Arnold room.

UCW meeting – Tuesday May 13th at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

New Members Welcome! Trinity United Church is officially welcoming new members on Sunday June 8th, the United Church of Canada's 100th Anniversary celebration.

If you, or your loved one would like to become an official member of our faith community, please contact Diane or Suzy at the office.

There will be an information session prior to the welcoming ceremony on Thursday May 15th at 7:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

Come and be a part of our family!



Mission & Service - For everyone who may contribute to Mission & Service directly, please be sure to include:

soft credit Trinity UC, Huntsville- MS 5120220 so that your contribution is added on to Trinity's total M&S contribution!!

With thanks!

