

The theme for the Centennial is **Deep, Bold, Daring**.  
One of the first “united” churches in the world, from its formation the United Church has been rooted in

### **Deep Spirituality**

The words of Jesus’ prayer that the disciples be one (John 17:21).

### **Bold Discipleship**

The belief that what unites us is stronger than our differences.

### **Daring Justice**

The desire to live out the gospel call to love and justice in Canada and around the world.

June 10, 2025, will mark the United Church’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future!



*The heart in the heart of Huntsville*



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# **Welcome to Trinity**

## **The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville**

### **Sunday May 18, 2025 - 10 am**

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

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*“May your nets be full of grace and joy.”*

## **WE GATHER AS GOD’S EASTERTIDE PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** Kyung-A Lee

**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.**

Good morning and welcome to Trinity United Church both here and online!

Welcome in Friendship!

Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s all-inclusive love!

Welcome on what is commonly referred to as the long 24<sup>th</sup> weekend - the first “unofficial” weekend of summer!

*(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**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Come all you who are tired from a long night of casting nets with nothing to show.

**All: We come, weary and uncertain, hoping to meet Jesus on the shore.**

One: Listen! He calls from the shoreline- gently, lovingly, inviting us to try again.

**All: We hear His voice and long to follow where he leads.**

One: He prepares a table, a fire of welcome, a feast of grace.

**All: Jesus meets us in our ordinary lives with extraordinary love.**

One: Come, let us celebrate the One who fills our nets and turns our emptiness into abundance.

## **Opening Hymn:** “God of the Bible” (MV 28)

## **Opening Prayer**

**Spirit of Life, you meet us in the ordinary rhythms of life, on the shoreline of our weariness, in the boats of our routines and in the moments when our nets come up empty. You call us not to shame, but to breakfast, not to judgment but to grace. Awaken our hearts to your presence. Help us to hear your voice, follow your lead and to receive the nourishment you offer to us. In Jesus name we pray. 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: "Jump for Joy" (MV 48)**

### **The Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Beamers**

One: 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.

### **Light Beamer Moment with the Minister**

#### **Congregational Blessing**

Light Beamers: "May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### **Anthem: A Musical Offering**

### **We Listen for God's Word**

*Today's Scripture reader is Judy White.*

### **New Testament Reading: John 21: 3-14**

*(This is Jesus' third post resurrection appearance here on the shoreline enjoying a BBQ with his friends.)*

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

All: **Amen.**

### **The Minister's Message: "When our nets come up empty."**

## **Brief Musical Reflection**

### **Our Offering Invitation**

Jesus called his friends to bring some of what they had caught and add it to the fish fry on the beach. In the same way, he invites us to bring what we have, our gifts, our time, our offerings, not because he needs them, but because he welcomes our partnership in his work.

We give not out of obligation but out of gratitude, for empty nets made full and for the One who says, *"Come and have breakfast."*

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**

**Generous God, you meet us in our need and surprise us with abundance. Like the disciples who brought their fish to your fire, we bring these gifts as a response to your grace. We offer it freely trusting you will use it to feed the hungry, comfort the broken-hearted and to spread your love to the ends of the earth.**

**Bless us too so we may be partners in the ongoing work of restoration and hope. Amen.**

### **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:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"  
(VU 563)

## Commissioning

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

## Benediction

Go now in the peace of the risen Christ,  
who meets us on the shoreline of our ordinary days.  
When our nets feel empty, may we hear his voice.  
When our heart feels weary, may we trust his grace.  
When we are called to try again,  
may we respond with faith.

All: **Amen.**

**Sung Blessing:** "It Only Takes a Spark" (VU 289)

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



*With Trinity Hall busy today, we will remain in the  
Sanctuary following the service where you are invited to  
join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.*

*Your hosts today are Evelyn, Pablito, Sarah and Samuel Maubti.*



**Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!**

*"Sometimes we have to let our nets down  
in a new area and rediscover the abundance of  
riches waiting to swim into our lives."*

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## 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).**

**Directors meeting** – Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Arnold Room.

### Attention Creative & Artistic People!



Are you looking for an opportunity to use your creativity skills to benefit Trinity? You are exactly who we need! Trinity has bulletin boards that need your touch.

If you can spare an hour or two each month, to ensure our boards are looking fabulous, please email [maryanne.e.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.e.mitchell@gmail.com).

**The Communications & Technology Team** needs some additional members. We meet approximately four times per year. Please connect with Lynda Arnold, Lynda Baker, Alastair Dunlop or MaryAnne Mitchell if you have any questions. Please consider joining our Team. This is a great way to help Trinity.



**Did you know you can have your business advertised on our**



**Trinity website?** We will link your business card for potential customers to view...and the best thing...it only costs \$55 a year to support Trinity.

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada our very own **Julie Brushey** has given an interview to the Doppler. Please see the online edition for the full article.

**The Muskoka Music Mix (MMM)** chorus and quartets will be performing selections of all-time favorites from the soundtrack of the popular online video game "*Fallout*" in the Trinity Sanctuary on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, starting at 3:00 pm.

There is no ticketing for this event, but donations in support of



MMM's community initiatives and the Barbershop Harmony Society's "*Harmonize for Speech*" charity, which provides much-needed support for voice communication services, would be much appreciated.

**Join us next Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>  
for the Affirm Trinity Celebration.**

**The service is dedicated to Trinity becoming  
an affirming ministry and receiving their  
Affirming Ministry Certificate.**

**Reverend Jeffrey Dale of  
College Street United Church in Toronto  
will be our guest speaker.**

**Hope to see you there!**

