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Welcome to Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Affirm Sunday
Guest Minister: Reverend Jeffrey Dale
Sunday May 25, 2025 - 10 am

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

“Be here! Belong! Be you!”

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

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.**

Welcome in Friendship!

Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s abundant and all-inclusive love!

Whether here in person or in your sacred spaces on-line and at home, welcome to Trinity United Church- the heart in the heart of Huntsville.

Our congregation is affirming the inclusion of the full spectrum of gender, identity, abilities, and sexual orientation. Jesus didn’t exclude anybody and neither do we!

We acknowledge that we gather here on the lands that were traditional territories for Anishinabek and Mississauga peoples who lived with the Treaty Agreements of the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties.

We gather every week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts and to aspire to be better humans to build a better world for ALL God’s people. If you’re visiting or shopping around for a new spiritual home, we are glad you’re here with us as we aspire to grow in wisdom and in love.

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

A Quiet Moment

Call to Worship

(based on Galatians 3: 28, Psalm 138 and Isaiah 56)

One: Come all who long to know love without condition, all who yearn to be seen, known and embraced.

All: **We come as we are, fearfully and wonderfully made and celebrated by the One who created us in love.**

One: There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, all are one in Jesus.

All: **God’s house is a house of prayer for everybody, every voice, everybody, every story belongs here.**

One: Let us worship the God who welcomes, affirms and includes us all.

Opening Hymn: “Let Us Build a Home”
(MV 1 - verses 1 and 4 only)

Opening Prayer

All: **Ever Present Spirit**, let us be more mindful of those in the shadows, those hiding themselves and those who grieve in silence for what cannot be. Free us from narrow mindedness. Any sign of judgment or lack of compassion does not reflect the love or life of Jesus. Expand our love. We celebrate the full diversity of your creation and the joy of a church that is learning to love more like Jesus. Make us tender in compassion and unshakable in our commitment to a place at the table for our one grand human family.

Light Beamers Song: “My Love Colours Outside the Lines” (MV 138 - first and last verses only)

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light our Christ candle today, may its flame represent God’s gift of abundant life and the richness we can experience in this wonderfully diverse world in which we live.

Time with our Light Beamers: “God’s Love is for everyone!”

(This is a moment where we share the wisdom and love of our spiritual teacher and mentor, Jesus of Nazareth, with our young people. May they continue to shine their infinite light into our world today and every day.)

Congregational Blessing

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

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem: “A World of Difference”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Our Scripture readers today are Janice Elliott and Judy Hall.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Holy One, join with us as we meet around your Word and reflect upon it. Encourage us and inspire us to live by your wisdom. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16

(You will hear echoes of the well loved 23rd Psalm in this passage. The difference being the prophet Ezekiel spoke these prophetic words in times of crisis and exile while the 23rd Psalm was written during a time of peace. Both convey a sense of God bringing people back from danger into wholeness and peace.)

Second Scripture Reading: John 13: 12-17

(Jesus washes his friends’ feet and tells them to go out into the world and do the same- serve one another and spread the love.)

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

All: **Amen.**

Introduction of Guest Speaker (Judy Hall – Leader of the Affirm Team)

The Rev. Jeffrey Dale of College Street United Church in Toronto.

Morning Message: “In a World Where you Can be Anything, be God’s Public Witness of Love.”

Moment of Musical Reflection

Presentation of Affirm Certificate (Presenter: Rev. Jeffrey)

To be accepted by all members of the Affirm Team including Leader- Judy Hall, Janice Elliott, Rev. Ken and Lila Deer, Esther Murphy and retired co-leader Thelma Beaudry.

WE GO AND SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Our Offering Invitation

One: Spirit of Openness, you call us to open our hearts and our minds to people who are different than we are. May our gifts today be a symbol of our willingness to be woven into your fabric of an all-inclusive love for all members of our human family.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

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

**All: Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.
No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the
people of God.**

Offering Prayer

**All: Spirit of openness and affirmation, we dedicate
these gifts to the ministry of love and acceptance in
the world. Bless them and use them. Bless us to
create a world and a church where all are welcomed
and honoured, fully seen and accepted. Expand our
love and our offering so that others may experience
your love in the world. In Christ's name, who
welcomed everyone around his table. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

An Alternate version of the Prayer of Jesus.

**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: "Draw the Circle Wide" (MV 145)

Commissioning

One: In the Spirit of Love, we have gathered.
In the Spirit of love let us depart.

Irish Benediction

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 we be lead in a love that heals,
welcomes and restores. Amen.

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

**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: 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 the Affirm Team.



Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

"Lead us in love that mends and restores."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Welcome to Reverend Jeffrey Dale (they/them - he/him).

Jeffrey is a minister, playwright, author, and community educator. He is in their nineteenth year of ministry within the United Church of Canada, recently serving Shining Waters Regional Council in areas such as: faith formation, justice, and community engagement. Previously Jeffrey served both rural and urban congregations in a variety of roles and capacities, include team and solo ministry. In 2022, Jeffrey was the lead author on the supported resolution at General Council 44 regarding the Decriminalization of Illicit Substances for Personal Use and Harm Reduction. Jeffrey is currently at work on a play about Crucified Woman, the statue that stands at Emmanuel College and created by Almuth Lutkenhaus-Lackey.

In Jeffrey's words – "College Street United Church is home. It is a space and community where I have always felt welcome. This trust is a church that lives out its loving actions towards one another and the strangers in our midst. I have witnessed a welcoming of new people here with wide and open arms."

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



May is CRACKERS (any type/flavour).

Therapeutic Touch – Monday May 26th at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to attend for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



The Men of Trinity – Wednesday May 28th at 9:00 am in the Art Room downstairs.

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 31st, 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.



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.

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.



The United Church of Canada will celebrate its 100th Anniversary, officially on June 8th, and, at Trinity, a special service including the welcoming of new members is being planned.

Following the service, you are invited to a light luncheon and cutting of the 100th Anniversary cake in Trinity Hall.

