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Welcome to Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Indigenous Sunday
June 22, 2025 – 10 am

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

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness.

Only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.”

Dr. Martin Luther King

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Processional: “Find a Home Here”

All: 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: This is a day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and do good in it!

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

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s all-seeing love calling us to be born anew!

Whether you consider yourself to be a Progressive Mainliner, a quiet Contemplative, a spiritual seeker or a deconstructing post evangelical, come on in and join us! God meets us here in the messy middle of our lives!

(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, beloved of God, bring your hearts and your questions, your longing and your hope.

All: We come, seeking to see beyond the surface, to glimpse the world as Jesus sees it.

One: The Spirit is being poured out upon us, young and old, dreamers and visionaries alike.

All: God is stirring holy imagination, calling us to wake up, to wipe away our spiritual blindness and to see with new eyes.

One: Like Nicodemus in the night, we come to the light, curious and cautious, yearning to be born anew.

All: We long to be transformed, to see differently, to live differently, to love as Jesus loved.

One: Come Holy Spirit, sweep through our hearts. Open our eyes. Show us the way of truth, justice and compassion.

Opening Hymn: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (VU 371)

Opening Prayer

All: **God of light and vision, you are always calling us to see deeper, wider and clearer than before. Awaken us from the blindness of routine, fear and indifference. Open the eyes of our minds to see through the broken values of this world. Open the eyes of our spirits to follow in the way of Jesus, a way marked by hospitality, mercy and truth. Teach us to see- and to live- as your people. In the name of Jesus, who shows us the way. 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: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

(VU 357 - verses 1 and 2 with our Light Beamers coming forward with the singing of the second verse.)

The Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Beamers

One: We light our candle today as a sign of welcome. We welcome Jesus into our hearts, minds and bodies. May we trust that Christ's light burns brightly within and beyond, calling us all to renewed life and healing.

Light Beamer Moment with the Minister

Congregational Blessing

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

All: **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (John Rutter)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture reader today is Sue Hicks.

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2: 28-32

(Here the prophet Joel is referring to a different way of loving that is not shaped by the broken values of human society, but by the values of God's love and justice.)

New Testament Reading: John 3: 1-8

(Here John is also referring to a different way of living when Nicodemus is told you must be born anew.)

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart"

Brief Musical Reflection

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" (VU 642 - verses 1, 2 and 3)

Our Offering Invitation

One: When we begin to see as Jesus sees, everything changes. We realize generosity is not just about giving money, it's about participating in the transformation of the world. It's about seeing our resources as gifts to be shared and seeing the church not as a building but as a movement of love and justice for the whole human family.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

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

**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. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

All: Companion God, you have opened our eyes to see the world as it could be, healed, just and overflowing with your love. As we offer these gifts, may they be seeds of that vision, planted in hope and nurtured by your Spirit. May our giving be a sign of our desire to live differently and to follow Jesus with open eyes and love-stuffed hearts. 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.**

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

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

Commissioning

Go now into the week ahead with eyes wide open.
Open to the vision of a world made new.

Benediction

May you see as Jesus sees:
with compassion for the hurting,
with courage to speak the truth,
and with grace that defies the darkness. 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



Please join us in Trinity Hall following the service where you are invited to have a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.

Your hosts today are Janet Cameron and Carol Mason.



Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

Someone once said to Helen Keller,
"What a pity you have no sight!"

Helen Keller replied,

"Yes, but what a pity so many have sight but cannot see."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

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



JUNE is BOXED CAKE MIXES.

Can you help? One of our Trinity folks is in need of an under-used vehicle for a modest price. If you can help, please contact Lynda Arnold or Suzy in the office. Thank you!!!



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH HUNTSVILLE, ONTARIO

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, June 22, 2025

1. Motion 1:

That all persons in attendance be granted voting privileges.

2. Motion 2:

That the Agenda as presented be approved.

**3. Presentation of proposed Sanctuary modifications –
Chuck McClelland**

Motion 3:

That phase 1 of the Sanctuary modifications as presented be approved.

4. Adjournment.

SMILING

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the fly,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realized, I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile, then realized its worth,
A single smile just like mine
Could travel 'round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic and get this world infected.

