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Welcome to Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Canada Day Sunday
June 29, 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!**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in God’s all inclusive and hospitable love!

Hymn: “O Canada” (VU 524)

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

We are an inclusive faith community embracing all who enter our doors. Love has no labels.)

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

A Quiet Moment of Reflection

Call to Worship

One: As we gather on this Canada Day Sunday, we give thanks for this land, its beauty and its people.

All: **We come to celebrate the One who creates and calls us to live with integrity and grace.**

One: With hearts full of gratitude, we remember that our words hold power- to bless or to curse, to heal or to harm.

All: **Let our tongues be instruments of peace, truth and encouragement.**

One: Together, we will honour the Divine with what we say and how we live, as followers of Jesus and as citizens of this great country we call Canada.

Opening Hymn: “This Land is My Land”

Chorus

All: **This land is your land this land is my land.
From Bonavista to Vancouver Island.
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters.
This land was made for you and me.**

**As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me an endless skyway,
I saw below me a golden valley,
This land was made for you and me.**

Chorus

**As the sun came shining and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving and the dust
clouds rolling,
A voice was sounding as the fog was lifting,
This land was made for you and me**

Chorus one more time!

Opening Prayer

All: Holy One, on this Canada Day Sunday, we thank you for this nation- its freedoms, its diversity and its spirit of peace. We give thanks for the blessings of community and the many voices that make up this country. Remind us today of the power of our mouths using them to build up and not tear down. May they be used not to spread division but to speak truth with love. Speak to us now, O God, and give us hearts to hear and eyes to see. 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.)

The Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Beamers

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.**

Anthem: "Song for Canada" by Lianna Klassen

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Today's Scripture reader is Jeannette McCullough.

New Testament Reading: James 3: 1-12

(James considers the power of the tongue- to bless or to curse. Let's use our words wisely to bless and not destroy.)

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "Watch your mouth:
The Power of Words"

Brief Musical Reflection

Our Offering Invitation

One: Today, on this Canada Day Sunday, we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in this land- freedom, beauty, diversity and peace.

Just as our mouths can be used to bless, so too can our giving become a blessing.

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. Amen.

Offering Prayer

**All: Generous God, every good gift comes from you.
Today, we return a portion of these blessings with
thankful and hopeful spirits. May these gifts be used
to speak love into lonely places, to share peace in
troubled spaces and to continue the mission and
ministry of Jesus in word and in action. Amen.**

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts"
(MV 12 - verses 1 and 5)

Invitation to the Table

Greeting

One: May God be with us.

**All: God is here among us. God is with us wherever we
go and wherever we are.**

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God for this meal of
remembrance, this country and the gift of life we have
graciously received.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Blessing and Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(A bouquet of thanks to our servers today...
Rob Dalziel, Judy Hall, Doug Hicks, and Judy White.)*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served

*(You are now invited to come forward via the centre aisle and
proceed to one of the two serving stations. First you take the bread
and eat. Then proceed to take the juice. You then place your glass
in a container and return to your seat via the side aisles to allow for
a smoother flow of traffic. When you receive the bread and the cup
you can simply say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Servers will
happily serve you in your seat upon request.)*

Post Communion Prayer

**All: Great Spirit of Life, thank you for the gifts you have
bestowed upon us, the bread of life and the cup of
blessing. Like the warmth of the summertime sun, warm
us with your love. Take our lives and touch them with
grace so we may nourish hope and courage among our
family and friends. Let us return to our world filled with
words that bring life giving energy and actions that are
filled with your love and understanding.**

The Lord's Prayer

A contemporary version of the Prayer of Jesus

**All: 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.**

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

Closing Hymn: “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families” (VU 556)

Commissioning

One: In the Spirit of Love we have gathered and now in the Spirit of Love let us depart.

Benediction

Go now into the world
as people who know the power of words,
to bless and to heal, to build up and bring peace.
Let your speech reflect the love of Jesus
And let your actions echo his grace.

May the love of God surround you,
the peace of Christ guide you,
and the Spirit empower you
today and always. 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 The Worship Team will be serving ice cream with toppings. Come celebrate Canada Day!



Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

“Think with love. Act with love. And if you don’t, don’t expect things to turn out well. They won’t.”

Elaine Heath

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Thank you to all who attended Trinity’s Congregational meeting last Sunday. The proposed Sanctuary modification – Phase 1 was approved. (Minutes are posted on Trinity’s website under For Members)... more info please check in with Chuck McClelland.

Special thanks to Chuck for his leadership in this!

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



JUNE is BOXED CAKE MIXES.

FundScrip orders are due next week, first Sunday of the month – July 6! Order the amount you need for the month’s groceries, gas to start – the list goes on! Your contribution to this ‘no-cost to you’ fundraising program at Trinity has raised \$4744.93 **so far** this year!! Cheque received last Sunday! ... with very special thanks to Gord and Fran Mitchell for all of their work over the years. Fundraising remains a vital part of Trinity’s budget. **Order forms and instructions can be found on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall or from Gord.**



Therapeutic Touch – Monday June 30th at 1:30 pm in the



Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to drop in for a free Therapeutic Touch session.

Summer Office Hours!



Summer office hours start the week of Monday, July 7th! The office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

If you would like a prayer included with the prayers of the people, **Prayer Pockets** are available and should be placed on the offering plate. Thank you!



Church Ladies With typewriters . . .

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

