Happy Birthday to Julie Brushey who turned 80 years young on Friday July 18, 2025!

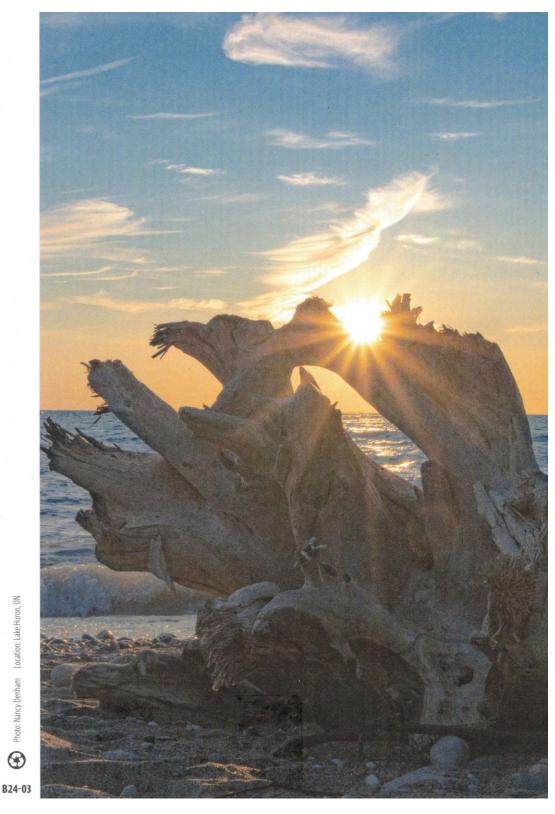




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# **Welcome to Trinity**

## The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville Sunday July 20, 2025 – 10 am

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

" Human- Kind. Be Both!"

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude:** Kyung-A Lee

One: This is a day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and do good in it!

One: Good morning and welcome to Trinity United Church both here in our Sanctuary and out there in Churchland.

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

"Real people. Real Life. Real Hope. We're glad you're here!"

(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**

One: This is a time to give voice to what lays on your heart today, may it be a joy or a concern.

## A Quiet Moment

All: Holy one, we come before you now with our hearts bowed. Calm our rattled souls. Our faith reminds us that a Benevolent force is afoot, a spiritual energy is in our midst, call it Providence, the Hand of God, the Universe. May we learn to trust this force, this God of your own understanding, so we can shed our heaviness and experience the lightness of a joy and freedom-filled life.

## Call to Worship

One: We gather this day to celebrate the one who calls us to love, not just with our words, but with our lives.

All: We come seeking to follow Jesus who teaches us to see every person as a neighbour, especially those who are hurting or in need.

One: In a world that draws lines and builds walls, Jesus calls us to cross the road and extend a hand.

All: We are here to listen, to sing, to learn and to follow the Way of Jesus.

Opening Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (VU 593)
Opening Prayer

All: Gracious One, you have shown us through Jesus, what is means to be a neighbour, to risk compassion, to move beyond comfort and to care for those the world would rather ignore. Forgive us when we pass by on the other side. Forgive us when fear or convenience keeps us from helping those who need our help. Break our hearts for what breaks yours. Amen.

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

One: Just as a flickering candle brings warmth to a room, we are called to shine our warmth and love into the world.

## **Congregational Blessing**

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

All: And also with you.

# Special Summertime Light Beamers' program in Trinity Hall!

One: Welcome to our regular Light Beamers and any young people who are visiting with us on their summer holidays. We are glad you're with us!

#### **Summer Music**

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture reader today is Julie Brushey.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Reader: Author of all life, we ask you to write your words upon our hearts and upon our minds. May they guide us and comfort us. And may we be blessed by the wisdom within the still, small voice of scripture. Amen.

## New Testament Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

(Who in your life or community might be stranded on the roadside of life right now and what might it look like for you to stop, notice and respond with mercy?)

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

All: Amen.

The Minister's Message: "Who is my neighbour?"

**Brief Musical Reflection** 

## **Our Offering Invitation**

One: Today Jesus shows us that love is not a feeling, it's an action. Today we are invited to do the same. When we give, we are choosing to be neighbours offering hope, healing and practical help to those in need. May our offering be symbolic of us crossing the road and extending a hand to share Christ's love. Our morning 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: Spirit of Compassion, we ask you to bless us and our offerings. May our gifts be used to bring healing where there is hurt, hope where there is despair and help where there is a need. May we be used to build your kingdom of kindness in this world. Teach us to be generous not only in what we give but in how we live. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayers of the Community**

One: We gather now as a faith community to speak into words the vision Jesus invites us to live.

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: "When I Needed a Neighbour" (VU 600)

## **Commissioning**

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

#### Benediction

One: Go now into the world, not as people who simply know the story, but as people called to live it.

Go with eyes open to the needs around you, with hearts ready to show mercy and with hands ready to reach out to serve.

Now, may the love of God go with you, the compassion of Jesus inspire you and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you to go and take care of your neighbour. Amen.

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

All: 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 today's service where you are invited for a glass of lemonade and fellowship time.

Your hosts today are Trinity's Choir.





# Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

"We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road, we are here to help each other walk the miles and bear the load."

(The Servant Song- Voices United 595)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!**

**The Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank.

JULY is Table Syrup/Maple Syrup.

**Muskoka Pride** is hosting an event on Tuesday July 22 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Trinity Hall.

Step into a space of connection, courage, and conversation at "Out Loud: A Living Library" where stories come alive through the voices of six amazing Muskoka community members.

This unique event offers you the chance to engage in honest, open conversations you might not usually have access to. Hear personal experiences, ask questions, and deepen your understanding of diverse 2SLGBTQ+ journeys.

Human "books" include: a drag performer, an individual who identifies as non-binary, someone whose spouse came out as transgender 10 years into their marriage and an international trans right advocate.

The event is free. Refreshments will be provided.

More information about this event, and other Muskoka Pride events at <a href="https://www.muskokapride.com">www.muskokapride.com</a>.

