

Today's bulletin honors and thanks  
**Rev Nina**  
for her contributions to Trinity over the years.  
We have appreciated her leadership in worship and  
pastoral care in Trinity's ministers' absences.

A heart-felt thanks, Nina!

Blessings to you on this next stage of life's journey.



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# Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday July 27, 2025 – 10 am

Our Guest Minister today is Rev. Nina Fulford

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

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*“Always be yourself because the people that matter  
don't mind . . . and the ones that mind don't matter.”*

## WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

**Prelude:** Kyung-A Lee

**Processional Introit**

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)

**Welcome**

One: Welcome to those who are here in person and those who are with us on-line. A summer day and you’ve taken time out from summer activities to be here, to thank God for his wonderful gifts. We are glad you are here; your presence makes a difference to our worship...

**Announcements**

**Sharing of “God Moments”**

*(moments when you sensed God’s presence in an ordinary situation)*

**Joys and Concerns**

A quiet moment...

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Approach** (in unison)

All: Loving God, Jesus taught us to pray  
as children who know they are loved.  
We come before you this day, in need of prayer.  
We need to open ourselves to you,  
we need to hear you.  
Be present in our worship, Father. Amen

**Hymn:** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (VU 364)

**Prayer of Confession**

All: Loving God, we come before you in the knowledge that we sometimes ignore your call, especially when it comes to us through unexpected voices. Forgive us when we close ourselves to you. Forgive us and keep encouraging us to open fully... hearts, minds, and spirits... to your loving ways as you call us forward in faith. Amen. Heather McClure, Gathering 2019 Pent 1 C, p 42)

*(Silent prayer)*

**Words of Assurance**

All: God’s love is like gentle rain on a hot summer’s day. It is love that accepts, forgives, and frees us to begin life anew. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Laura J. Turnbull

**Light Beamer Hymn:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (VU 664)

**Light Beamer Time:** Thinking about “The Lord’s Prayer” (Luke 11:1-13)

## Lighting the Christ Candle by our Light Bearers

One: Jesus taught us to see ourselves as truly God's beloved children. He showed us God's love in action, and we light this candle to remind ourselves that this loving relationship surrounds us here and everywhere. *Nina Fulford*

*(Light candle)*

## Congregational Blessing (led by the Light Bearers)

Light Bearers: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## Special Music

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

*Our Scripture reader today is Judy White.*

## Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Creator Spirit: be in us and among us now, that our ears may be open, and that your Word may truly shake us, enlighten us, and renew us. Amen.

## Colossians 2:6-15 (NRSV)

*(Paul reminds his hearers that when we connect to or take in Jesus Christ it is as if we were marked in our spirits (in our hearts) the way Jews circumcise their baby boys to physically show they are part of their community.)*

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

All: **Amen.**

## Reflection: "Roots and Wings"

## Poem: "Gomer, Hosea's wife"

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF GOMER by Carolyn Kinsler Jonah, adapted

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

**Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" (VU 356)

## Musical Reflection

## Offering Invitation

One: We are mightily blessed in so many ways and we are invited to share those good things that Jesus' words of life may be fully shared. Our offerings will be received, on plates today, by PAR and e-transfer.

**Doxology:** "Grant Us, God, the Grace" (VU 540)

One: Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

## Dedication of the Offering

All: **Take the gifts of our hands, the money that is an important symbol of the hours and days of our lives, dedicate it to your purposes, whatever size the gifts may be that the world's needs may be addressed.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of the Community

## The Lord's Prayer (sung/VU 960)

All: **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:** "How Firm a Foundation" (VU 660)

### **Commissioning**

**All: Let us leave this place with thanksgiving and love  
in our hearts. May the love of God pour out from our  
souls, run wild, and make this a community of love,  
grace and forgiveness. Amen.**

Robert Partridge, Gathering 2019 Pent 1 C, p50)

### **Benediction**

#### **Sung Blessing**

**All: Go now in peace; never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**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 Kim Fairhall and Sheila Petch.*



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

Life is not the way it is supposed to be... it's the way it is.  
The way we cope with it is what makes the difference.



## **The Reverend Nina Fulford**

Nina was born in London, England, baptized in the Church of England and attended a Methodist Sunday School in Surrey. Her family moved to St. Laurent, Quebec in 1952 and she was confirmed in the United Church. She completed high school at Mount Royal and received a B.Sc. degree from McGill University. Nina married Rick in 1960 in a Roman Catholic ceremony. The ecumenical flavour of her spiritual journey fuels a continuing ecumenical spirit. Giving in to a long submerged "call" she studied at Queen's, was ordained by Toronto Conference in 1999 and settled to the Wyevale-Waverley Pastoral Charge where she spent six years of fulfilling ministry. A second, strong sense of call in 2005 brought her back to the Huntsville area where she served the Emsdale Pastoral Charge part-time for 14 years until she retired on June 30, 2019.

Nina has been connected to Trinity for many years and before her journey to ministry was active in a variety of capacities including the Fortnightly Club with husband, Rick. She felt organizing the Easter Sunrise Service, breakfast and preparing the mission study for the UCW were important preparation for ministry. Recently Nina served 13 months at Lake of Bays Pastoral Charge and then 13 months with the Evergreen Pastoral Charge. She is happy to be called for pulpit supply as preaching and leading worship give her joy.

Rick and Nina have two children: Lianne (Dennis) and Dean (Maria), and three grandchildren: Emma (27) (Mark), Luka (23) and Maddie (19). Rick passed away on October 6, 2019, and Dennis early in 2020. She will soon move to Ottawa (September 3) where all the family are now residing, including her new great grandson, Leo.

Trinity will miss you, Nina.  
We wish you the very best in Ottawa!



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!**

A big Thank You to Karen, Anaka and Ivy  
for their leadership in the special Light Beamers Sunday  
activities last week!

Watch for another date in August!!



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



**JULY is Table Syrup/Maple Syrup.**

**FundScrip orders are due next week (Sunday August 3!)**

Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas  
and gifts and in doing so, Trinity benefits.



Fundraising remains a vital part of Trinity's  
budget. Thank you for your support! **Order**

**forms and instructions can be found on the bulletin board in  
Trinity Hall or from Gord Mitchell.**

**Therapeutic Touch** – Monday July 28 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.

