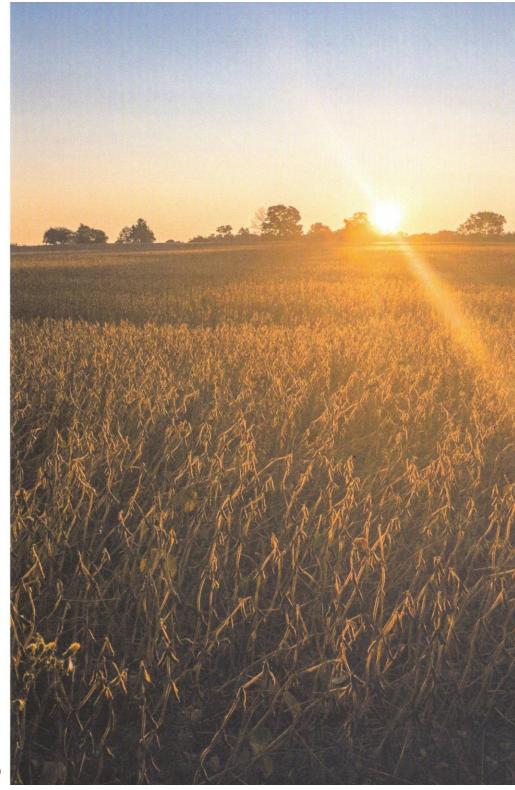


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Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville Sunday August 10, 2025 – 10 am

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

"Holy One, be our guest, accept our seeking presence and bless us with understanding."

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!

One: Called to this place...

All: as people of God.

One: Called to this place...

All: as friends in the Spirit.

One: Called to this place...

All: as followers of Jesus.

One: Called to this place...

All: to be renewed, refreshed and made new.

One: Called to this place...

All: that we might go to all places to share the love with our grand human family!

"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. This is a safe space for everyone!)

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

Call to Worship

One: Come away from your worries and responsibilities and into this sacred space with your faith community.

All: We are blessed to be here, sharing and caring about one another.

One: Come let us renew our hearts so we can go out into the world and be a beacon of hope for those who walk in darkness.

All: Come, let us celebrate God's presence together!

Opening Hymn: "Come, Let Us Sing" (VU 222)

Opening Prayer

All: Spirit of Life, we seek to get away from life's distractions. We seek to quietly rest at the feet of Jesus away from the clamour of this world. But we don't always succeed. When it comes to being with others, we often spend more time worrying about the details than spending time visiting with them. Forgive us.

Slow us down so we can truly enjoy and share the blessings you have bestowed upon us. In Jesus name we pray. 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

Light Beamers: 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 Judy White.

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: 38-42

(This is the well-known story about Jesus coming to have dinner with his friends, Mary and Martha. Who do you relate to most in this story- Mary or Martha? Why?)

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

All: Amen.

The Minister's Message: "The Sisters Act"

Brief Musical Reflection

Our Offering Invitation

One: Spirit of Love and Light, help us not only to hear your message of love but also to put that love into action. May our offerings today be a sign of that love. Our morning 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: 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: "I'm Gonna Live" (VU 575)

Commissioning

One: In the Spirit of love we have gathered and now in the Spirit of love let us depart. Go with peace and may God's peace be in your hearts.

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 compassion 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 Nancy Waxl, Sarah McDonald and Ace Payne.





Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

"While the material world is a kingdom of lack, the spiritual universe is infinitely abundant."

Marianne Williamson







Dear Trinity's Congregation,

I am so floored by the beautiful presentation that was made to Ken, Beano and myself last Sunday. I watched the service on Monday and Mom passed along the generous gift last night when I saw her. I was already crying by the time Mom said in the service, "I know Becky is going to watch this and there is not going to be a dry eye in the place!!" She was right... Ken even had some "allergies" when I showed him that evening.

Thank you, Jane, for the poem that tied the theme so well together. Here Comes the Sun has been part of our narrative since our wedding. Hearing Kyung-A play it again was when the waterworks really kicked in — some things are just not tolerable for a third trimester pregnant lady without tears happening!!

We are so grateful for the congregation's contribution to helping us bring Baby Joey into the world. We definitely feel the love and support from each and every one of you. Please pass along all of our love and appreciation this Sunday We will be sure to send along a photo once he is safely in our arms next week (can you believe it?)

Thank you again,

Warmly,

Becky, Kenny and Beano (aka Joey)



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank. August is COOKIES!



Dates for the Diary!!

Dock Talk and Lemonade

The Inspirit Team invites you to be part of this reflective conversation filled event. It's a time to come together under the summer sun and dive into some deeper questions that may be on your heart. Everyone is invited to bring a question, a beloved reading or poem and their open hearts as we seek to foster meaningful connection with one another and with the Divine. Spiritual seekers, sceptics and agnostics are all welcome to join in our lively circle conversation.

Place: Marc and Diane's dock. (Please reach out to Suzy or Diane if you need directions.)

Date: Thursday August 14th at 2-4 pm. Everyone is welcome!

S'mores and Songs - A Farewell to Summer

Once again, our Inspirit Team is inviting you to come and join us as we gather around a fire and enjoy roasting marshmallows on a stick! A casual evening with song and storytelling. There's no place quite like a roaring bonfire when it comes to singing songs and sharing stories. If you could bring a chair that would be helpful. Please let Suzy or Diane know if you plan on attending.

Date: Friday August 22nd from 7-9 pm at Diane's place. Directions as requested.