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Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday August 17, 2025 – 10 am

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

“Money cannot hold your hand or press a cold clothe to your head.”

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!**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s all-inclusive and hospitable love!

*(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

A Quiet Moment

Call to Worship

One: Come into this sacred space this warm summer morning. Come all who thirst for something “more” in their daily lives.

All: **Yes, we are spiritually thirsty, thirsty for wisdom, thirsty for grace and thirsty for the generous teachings of Jesus.**

One: Spirit of Life, help us to be less focused on ourselves and our needs and more focused on how we can use what we have been given to help others.

All: **Remind us again, when we take the focus off of ourselves and reach out to serve and help others, this is where our true treasure will be found.**

One: Friends in faith, we are taught that our true wealth is found not in our wallets but in our relationships and in community with one another. In our lives may this be so.

Opening Hymn: “Oh, When We All Begin to Share”
(tune of “*Oh When the Saints Come Marchin’ in*”)

All: **Oh, when we all begin to share.**

Oh, when we all begin to share.

**Oh, it will bring such understanding,
when we all begin to share.**

We need God’s love; we need God’s care.

**Oh, how we need God’s love and care,
to help us build a better world and to live in harmony.**

Opening Prayer

All: **Generous One, you have poured out your blessings upon us. Yet, we confess that too often we hold on too tightly measuring life by possessions instead of by love. Today, loosen our grip on “more” and open our hearts to your abundance. Teach us that true wealth is not always found in our wallets but in our hearts and in our caring acts of love and kindness. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Bearers

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

All: **And also with you.**

Summer Music

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture Reader today is Faye McKnight.

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 12: 13-21

*(Greed robs us and our souls and Jesus knew this to be true.
Our true wealth is found when we change our focus from self to
others. Where your treasure is, there your heart is also.)*

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "Too Much Stuff!"

Brief Musical Reflection

Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (VU 227)

Our Offering Invitation

One: The world tells us to gather and hoard.
But Jesus calls us to give and to share.

Our summertime 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: **Giver of every gift, you have entrusted us with
resources, talents and opportunities- not to hoard- but
to share. Bless these gifts and bless us as we offer
them. May they be used to feed the hungry, comfort
the hurting and spread the Good News of your love.**

**We give today not to store up treasures for ourselves
but to help bring a little piece of heaven here on earth
for those who need our assistance. 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: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
(VU 651)

Commissioning

One: In the Spirit of love we have gathered
and now in the Spirit of love let us depart.
Go now into the world,
not weighed down by our stuff, but lifted up in grace.

Benediction

One: May the God who is love and provides for every need
fill you with joy in giving, courage in sharing and peace in
trusting.

Live in such a way that your abundance overflows into
blessings for others. Amen.

Sung Blessing: “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 host today, Braden Vallery.



Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

*“Being rich on the inside
means raising our consciousness so
we can live optimally and simply
so others can simply live.”*

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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!!

Outreach Team – Wednesday August 20th at 11:30 am in the Arnold Room.

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.



*To the Parishioners of
Trinity United Church,
On behalf of the
Corner Lighthouse, we
thank you for your monthly
donations. Our shoppers are
always happy to see what
we have to offer.
Much appreciated,
Bev Mirlocca*

Welcome to our newest business card supporter!

Cleaning by Lyndy provides professional, reliable cleaning for residential homes, cottages, and more.

For more information or an appointment please contact John at cleaningbylyndy@gmail.com or text at 437-663-7947.

John has met many of you at Trinity.

From John: "Thank you for the warm and friendly welcome at Trinity. I would like to make you aware of this new venture that I have started, **Cleaning by Lyndy**. I have recently taken over this business from Lynne Doyle and with her guidance and training am welcoming new clients. This business helps supplement my income from employment at Deerhurst Resort to support my three daughters in Uganda with the hope of having them join me here in Huntsville."

Thank you from Johnbosco Tumukunde Ampaire.

