

Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday August 24, 2025 – 10 am

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

“Called to Christ, called to Community, called to Serve”

We Gather as God’s People

Prelude: Kyung- A Lee

Greeting: This is a day that God has made;

All: Let us rejoice and do good in in!

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s all inclusive and healing 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, followers of Jesus, you who are weary, burdened
and bent over with the weight of the world.

All: **We come to the One who sees us, longing to stand tall
in God’s love.**

One: In Jesus’ presence, the weight we carry can be lifted.

All: **In Jesus’ love, our spirits can rise and stand tall again.**

One: Let us celebrate the One who sets us free, restores our
dignity and raises us to new life.

Opening Hymn: “Praise the Lord with the Sound of
Trumpets” VU 245

Opening Prayer:

**Healing Spirit, you see the places where life has been
heavy on us- where shame, grief and fear have kept
our heads low. Today, we hear your voice calling us to
stand up straight in your presence, to lift our eyes to
your goodness and to walk freely in your love. Set us
free from whatever is holding us back so we may live
fully and love deeply. In the name of Jesus our healer,
we pray. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Bearers

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 Jeannette McCullough.

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 13: 10-17

(The woman in this passage has been stooped over for 18 years- physically yes, but symbolically too she carried the weight of the world on her shoulders and felt overlooked and dismissed.)

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

All: **Amen**

The Minister's Message: "Standing up Tall- Jesus' Healing Touch"

Brief musical reflection

Hymn: "Come and Find a Quiet Centre" VU 374 (A hymn about restoration and the release of our burdens that allows us to stand up strong again.)

Our Offering Invitation

One: Jesus sees a woman bent over with the weight of suffering and sets her free to stand tall

Out of gratitude for this healing love, let us offer our gifts so that others may rise to joy, dignity and hope.

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: **God of grace, may our gifts help others to rise to their full height in the love of Christ. Use what we offer- our resources, our time, and our talents- to lift the onerous burdens of others, to bring healing where there is hurt and rest to those who are weary. May your love bring healing to all creation. 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: "We are Pilgrims" VU 595

(This hymn is about mutual support and being lifted up in the healing love of Christ.)

Commissioning:

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

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 love and support help to lift the burdens of others so they too can stand confidently and whole in this world. 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

Your spiritual take home for the week ahead!

"Love is a healing force that no fear can destroy."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



The **Outreach Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with our student lunch programme for the upcoming school year. If interested, please see either Sylvia Leeder or Cherryll Demaine. Thank you.

Save the Date! Soup and Sandwich starts September 12th. More details to follow.

In honor of all the good works **Rev Nina Fulford** has done, the UCW and Hospitality Team invite you to a farewell pizza lunch immediately following the service today. Thank you also to Trinity's members who provided fruit trays and squares.