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WELCOME

We're glad
you're here!



*Loving hearts
Open minds
Serving hands*

Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday September 21, 2025 – 10 am

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

*“We are all from God’s goodness
and God’s goodness is everywhere.”*

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude: Nicole Taylor

Introit

**Come into this space, a place of grace.
Where all are welcome, there’s a song in the air.
All are invited to share in God’s care
and it’s high time to worship our God.
For we are God’s people, we open the door.
The seeking and finding, united as one.
We all come together, our spirits to pour,
as the whole people of God.**

Greeting

One: Come and see the One who knows us, welcomes us
and loves us.

**All: We come with open hearts and open minds ready
to receive the joy of God’s presence!**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in God’s all-inclusive love!

*We come to sing, to pray, to share, to tell our stories and to
be inspired.*

*We come to learn how to become all the person God
created us to be, our best selves, thriving and flourishing.*

*Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your
spiritual journey come on in, united in Spirit, as we
celebrate God’s presence together.*

Announcements

Joys/Concerns/God Moments?

“Wherever we go, God is present also. We are in God and
God is in us. God is here. In you. In me. In between.”

- Rev. Dawn

A Moment of Mediation (you can do this at home during
the week too.)

Call to Worship

One: We gather from every place and story.

All: **We come, each with our own past, our own roots.**

One: We come from big families and dinners made for one.

All: **We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of
the sky.**

One: We come from a lot of places but today we are here.
Holy One, gather us in and open our eyes to see your
goodness.

Opening Hymn: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (VU 371)

Opening Prayer

**Creator God, from breath you gave us life, from love
you called us into being. We forget that each of us
share the same origin in you, beloved, created good
and called to care for your world.**

Sometimes we are too quick to judge and slow to listen. Too often we judge by appearances or because of where someone is from. Help us to release our prejudices and to care for each other and for all you have made. Amen.

Our Light Beamers Song: “Welcome”
(to the tune of London Bridges)

Welcome, welcome, we are here!
Clap your hands; shout a cheer!
Say hello to all our friends with us in God’s house.
(repeat)

Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Beamers

One: May this flame remind us church is more than a building. It’s the people. It’s you and me. We all make up our church family here at Trinity. And Jesus loves us all.

Time with our Light Beamers - Welcome Back!

One: It’s time to hear the stories of Jesus and how his stories teach us a better way to live.

We strive to teach our Light Beamers to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, following his movement and mission of hope, forgiveness and love.

During our time with our Light Beamers our goal is to teach them how to be their best selves so they can in return go into the world to help other people.

With God’s help, may this be so. Rev. Diane

Choir Anthem: “We Are Called”

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD’S WORD

Our Scripture Reader today is Sally McClelland.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: God of Grace, may your word of truth abide deep within our souls. May we not only listen to God’s Word but also live it out in our daily lives. True blessing comes when we apply God’s Word to our lives.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1: 26-31

(We are all part of the grand human family bearers of God and in the goodness of creation.)

New Testament Reading: John 1: 35-51

(This Scripture shows how goodness continues to surprise us in unexpected places- like Nazareth. Jesus calls us to “come and see” goodness where we least expect it.)

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

All: Amen.

The Minister’s Message: “Can anything good come from there?”

Brief Musical Reflection

Invitation for Offering

One: Jesus says, “Come and see.”

Come and see how God’s goodness multiplies when we share it.

Come and see how ordinary gifts become extraordinary blessings.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn: “What Can I Do?” (MV 191)

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy (I’ll sing with joy)
I’ll say a prayer; I’ll bring my love.
I’ll do my share.**

Offering Prayer

All: Generous God, thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up and for weaving us all together. Bless us and these gifts so that they may bring goodness and hope in a world that too often judges and excludes rather than listens and accepts. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Closing Hymn: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (VU 509)

Irish Benediction

**May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the goodness of God’s hand. Amen.**

Sung Blessing: “Wherever You May Go” (MV 216)

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.
From the beginning to the end,
I will always be your friend.
We will travel side by side
and God’s love will be our guide.**

Postlude: Nicole Taylor



*Please join us in Trinity Hall following today’s service where you are invited for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.
Your hosts today are Joanne Sutherland and Janet Cameron.*



Spiritual thought for your week!

*“God can bring beauty from brokenness, hope from despair
and new life from even the most unlikely places.”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse food bank.
September is...CEREAL!



Thank You!

To the Trinity Congregation ...

Our love and gratitude go out to each and every one of you. Thank you for supporting us in welcoming our new little love into our lives. We are looking forward to introducing him to you soon at Church.



With all our love,
Rebecca, Ken and Joey



The Men of Trinity will be meeting on Wednesday September 24th at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room.

Welcome Fall Campfire and Smore's!

Trinity's Inspirit Team is inviting you to come and sit around a firepit and roast some marshmallows, tell a story or two and maybe even break into song! This is a wonderful way to reconnect and catch up with one another after our summer holidays!

Place? Rev. Diane's home.

Time? 6: 30- 8:00 pm.

Date? Friday, September 26th.

Be sure to dress warmly and if you have an extra chair- that would be helpful too. Please register with Suzy at the office and carpooling may also be possible.



Autumn Blessings! Rev. D

Be sure to check out the 'Volunteer with us' on the following two pages! We are hoping you will find something there that interests you and you would like to do! Be sure to let the office know if you have questions... or to leave your name to volunteer!

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What are some distractions in your own life that are keeping you from living with purpose and intention?

Come and explore this question as Trinity's Non-Fiction Book Club dives in Bob Goff's book called Undistracted. We all get off track in our busy lives sometimes. This book will give us a few ideas about how to start living a less distracted and more joy filled life right now. Goff is down to earth and conversational in his writing style making his book accessible to everyone.

Join us for our first of four weekly sessions on Tuesday, October 14th until Tuesday, November 11th.

We look forward to seeing you on October 14th in the Arnold Room from 2 pm until 3: 30 pm. Here is an outline of how the sessions will unfold:

- Session 1 (Chapters 1-5) - Naming Our Distractions and Finding Focus.
- Session 2 (Chapters 6-10) - Living with Intention and Purpose.
- Session 3 (Chapters 11-15) - Relationships and Being Present.
- Our fourth and final session (Chapters 16-19) - Freedom Joy and living Undistracted!

Suzy will be taking registration at the church office.

"Bold faith is meant to work in the real world, but it requires that you and I first become real in our faith."

Bob Goff

Welcome Back! Volunteer With Us!

We love our volunteers!

Sunday morning volunteering is a great opportunity to get involved and be part of creating and building community together.

Check out the options below:

Morning Greeters

How wonderful it is to be greeted on Sunday morning with a smiling face! As a Greeter, you have the important ministry of welcoming people to Trinity United Church on Sunday mornings. You bring the welcome and we will set up the orientation sessions to fill in the blanks. Sign me up!

Contact Suzy at the office.

Scripture Readers

An easy way to get involved on Sunday is to join our roster of Scripture Readers. You will be contacted during the week for the upcoming Sunday and asked if you are available to read a specific passage in the service. You can also sign up in advance for specific dates.

We'll send a digital copy of the passage to you to practice during the week. This ministry is open to all ages!

Contact Suzy at the office to sign up.

Coffee Helpers

This ministry of Hospitality is vital to the life and faith of our Trinity community. Sharing a cup of tea and a kind word after the service is a wonderful way to make new friends and reconnect with old ones. We need two volunteers a week to keep the tea and coffee flowing! Can you help?

Contact Barb Dalziel or Suzy at the office.

Communion Servers

We celebrate Holy Communion throughout the seasons of the church year.

Servers hold trays of bread and juice as people partake of the "Bread of life" and the "Cup of blessing." This can be a moving spiritual experience for servers who are offering these gifts. If this is something you may like to do, you can speak with Rev.

Diane or contact Suzy at the office.

Light Beamer Volunteers

Our Light Beamer program strives to teach our young people to shine their precious God-given light into the world. As a volunteer, your job is to provide a welcoming and safe space for children to learn more about the spiritual teachings of Jesus. Lessons will be provided by one of our Light Beamer leaders. If you like the idea of growing young hearts- give Jeannette McCullough a call or contact Suzy at the office.

Audio and Visual Assistants

Lights, Camera, Action!

Want to help out our Technology Team on Sunday mornings? Since COVID our online ministry has now become an essential part of our outreach into our community and beyond. The church has left the building! Come and learn how to become part of this important ministry in our church community.

Training provided.

Contact Alastair Dunlop, MaryAnne Mitchell or Suzy.

**Thank you
for considering being a volunteer this year at Trinity United
Church. Together, we're better! Come join our growing
ministry team here at Trinity United Church!**

**Autumn blessings,
Rev. Diane**