

Today's bulletin is kindly sponsored by Cherryll Demaine
in memory of her beloved husband,
Jim.



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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 28, 2025 – 10 am

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

“Human-Kind ... Be Both.”

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

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 gather in community once again to rekindle the bonds
and the love of community, to nourish ourselves with
music, song and story and to challenge ourselves to
become more Christ-like in our attitudes and actions.*

*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

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are weary and heavy burdened.

All: **We come with our grief, our questions, our longings.**

One: Come, all who feel abandoned.

All: **We come with our hearts heavy, our prayers
unanswered.**

One: God is not distant up in the heavens doling out
judgement. God is here now as close as the breath we
take.

All: **God weeps with us, mourns with us, carries us in
our pain.**

One: Come, let us open our hearts to God’s presence and
to one another.

Opening Hymn: “Healer of Our Every Ill” (VU 619)

Opening Prayer

All: **Spirit of Life, we come before you today with
hearts that ache. Help us to see your balm in the
midst of suffering, your healing presence even when**

the cure seems far away. Teach us to bear one another's burdens, to be agents of compassion and to trust that even our deepest laments are held in your love. Amen.

Our Light Bearers' Song: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" (VU 585)

Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Bearers

One: This candle reminds us of Christ's presence with us always.

Time with our Light Bearers

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 Bearers to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, following his movement and mission of hope, forgiveness and love. During our time with our Light Bearers 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: "Walls that Divide"

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture Reader today is Julie Brushey.

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: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

(God grieves with God's grieving people. We are not alone.)

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "God Weeps."

Brief Musical Reflection

Hymn: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (VU 612)

Invitation for Offering

One: Today, as we bring our gifts let us remember that even the smallest act of love can bring healing and comfort to a hurting world.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

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

All: **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: **Divine love, here is our offering of love and care. Use these gifts to bring balm to the broken, hope to the despairing and comfort to those in need. May our giving be a reflection of your presence in our lives, a presence that shares in tears, carries burdens and transforms sorrow into healing. Through Christ, our balm and healer, we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn: "Abide with Me" VU 436 (first 3 verses only)

Benediction

One: May the God of the changing seasons
wrap you in warmth as the days grow cool.
May you find beauty in each falling leaf,
and courage in each moment of letting go.
And may your heart rest in the promise
that with every ending, God is preparing
a new beginning. Amen.

Sung Blessing: "Wherever You May Go" (MV 216)

All: **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.**

Postlude: Kyung-A Lee



*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 Julie and John Brushey and
Sharon and Tony Bright.*



Spiritual thought for your week!

"In our longing, Spirit whispers, I am with you."

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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!



Therapeutic Touch – Monday September 29 at 1:30 pm in the
Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or
anyone from the community, is invited to attend
for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



The **Knitting Circle** will meet on Wednesday October 1,
2025 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Arnold Room.
Questions, call Joan on 705-788-5838.



FundScrip orders are due next week!!



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

Thank you for your support of this fund raiser!

Mug Up with the Minister! – Join us this coming Thursday
October 2 in the Arnold Room at 10 am and enjoy a cup of coffee
with your church family. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch
up with friends, meet new people and explore how
our faith connects with our everyday lives. Bring
your own mug and we will supply coffee!



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 4th.

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

Bulletin cover sponsorship! You are invited to contribute a week of bulletins in memory of a loved one, or celebration of a birthday, anniversary or just a special day to you, please let Suzy know if you would like to sponsor a bulletin. The cost is \$30. Thank you.

Mission & Service(M&S) Financial Report

by Shirley Boon, M&S Treasurer

Money sent to The United Church of Canada, M&S department, helps to TRANSFORM lives, INSPIRE meaning and purpose, and BUILD a better world **Together**.

As of July 31, 2025, money sent through Trinity Church office:

Trinity's Outreach budget for M&S	\$7,000.00
Individual donations thru' PAR	\$2,479.00
Other Individual Donations	\$926.00
<u>Total</u>	\$10,646.50

In addition, as of June 30, 2025, money sent directly to The United Church of Canada M&S and credited to Trinity:

From Trinity UCW	\$1,000.00
Individual donations	\$300.00
<u>Total Direct donations</u>	\$1,300.00

Overall TOTAL **\$11,946.50**