

Today's bulletin is kindly sponsored by
Neil Thain.

*"Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world at once
but of stretching out to mend the part of the world
that is within our reach."*

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Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday October 19, 2025 – 10 am

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

*“Faith is not a set of beliefs to hold,
but a way of living shaped by the life of Jesus.”*

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

Introit

All: **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: Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly.”

All: **In our lives, may this be so.**

Wherever you are from and whatever prompted you to be here, welcome, we are glad you are with us. We are enriched by your presence.

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in Spirit’s all-encompassing 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: We come, bringing our questions, our doubts and our hopes.

All: **We come, trusting that God meets us right where we are.**

One: Faith is not about having all the answers.

All: **Faith is about keeping our eyes on Jesus.**

One: Let us worship the One who invites us to believe.

All: **Not just with our minds, but with our lives.**

Opening Hymn “Come Touch Our Hearts” (MV 12 –
verses 1,2,3,4)

Opening Prayer

All: **Companion God, you invite us not to certainty but to trust. Not to rigid beliefs, but to a living, growing faith. As we gather in your presence, open our hearts**

to the mystery of your love. Teach us to believe, not just with our lips but with our lives. We believe in Jesus who shows us what God's love looks like. He taught us that faith is not about being right, but about being loving. We believe in the church, not as walls or doctrines but as people gathered to follow the Way of Jesus. Amen.

Our Light Beamers Song: "The Thank You Song"
(*tune of Jesus Loves Me*)

All: Thank you for this lovely day. (Arms held wide)
Thank you for the ways to pray. (Hands together)
Thank you for the friends we see. (Wave to friends)
Thank you for your love for me.
Yes, God, we thank you. (Hands out, palms up)
Yes, God, we thank you.
Yes, God we thank you.
We thank you every day. (Hands over heart)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(*We light the Christ candle, as a sign and symbol of Christ's presence among us.*)

Time with our Light Beamers

"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

Mission and Service Presentation by Shirley Boon

Choir Anthem: "Whisper to My Heart"

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture Reader today is Faye McKnight.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Divine One, you do not call us to be perfect in our beliefs but faithful in our love. As we open the pages of scripture, breathe your Spirit into our hearts and minds. Teach us not to only understand your Word but to live it. In the name of the One who is Love Incarnate. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22: 34-40

(*Jesus placed love and lived faith above dogma and empty religiosity.*)

Second New Testament Reading: John 20: 24-29

(*This passage explores how belief and doubt can often coexist. Thomas' honesty invites us to see doubt not as failure but as a step to genuine faith.*)

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

All: **Amen.**

*"Today we are continuing our message series called "**The ABC'S of Faith.**" Last Sunday being Thanksgiving we explored the letter "G" for Gratitude. We heard how gratitude is a holy act of defiance, refusing to allow the darkness to have the final word. It's choosing hope when the world is telling us to give up. When we choose gratitude, we are not being a Pollyanna. We are simply saying the world is a mess right now but we don't have to be. When we choose gratitude, we aren't ignoring the darkness we are choosing to be a light right smack in the*

middle of it. This week we are focusing on the letter “B” for Belief. How do you perceive belief? Afterall, aren’t we called to be believers? In today’s message, we will explore how faith is not so much about believing the right things as it is trusting in the right One and living in a way that reflects that trust.” Rev. D

The Minister’s Message: “Beyond Belief - Living the Way of Jesus”

Brief Musical Reflection

Welcoming New Member into Trinity United Church

Questions of Commitment

One: Do you believe in a God who is love, whose energy sustains life and whose presence is a constant in our lives?

Member: **I do to the best of my ability.**

One: Do you commit to following the way of Jesus, seeking truth and justice and living with love and compassion as you grow in your faith?

Member: **I do, with God’s presence and grace.**

One: Do you promise to participate in the life and work of Trinity United Church, to share your gifts and grow with us in faith and service?

Member: **I do, God being my helper.**

Congregational Welcome

One: Members and friends of Trinity United Church, do you welcome Bob into our community of faith? Will you support him with your love and care and share with him in the hope and work as followers of Jesus?

All: We will God being our helper. We welcome Bob with joy and gratitude. Together, we are the body of Christ. Together, we seek to be a church that lives, loves and embraces everybody.

Prayer of Blessing

All: Welcoming God, we give thanks for your beloved son Bob who comes to walk with us in faith. Bless him and bless us as we grow together and as we serve your world in love. May your Spirit guide us and your joy be our strength. Amen.

Presentation by Board Chair - Lynda Arnold

One: On behalf of our entire congregation welcome Bob! We are grateful for your presence and we are blessed to have you here with us. Please show Bob our warm Trinity welcome!!!

Brief Musical Reflection

Invitation for Offering

One: Belief isn’t just something we say, it’s something we live. When we give, when we share what we have, we’re putting our belief into action. In our act of sharing and caring for one another love comes alive.

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: **Generous God giver of all blessings, receive these gifts as signs of our believing and bless them to bring hope, healing and love to others. May our giving reflect the faith we live and may all that we do be grounded in the love of Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: "Prayer"

(sung to the tune of "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me")

All: **God of Life and God of Love,
Holy Spirit, Blessed Dove,
in each moment of my life,
in times joyful, times of strife,
listen to the words I share,
as I come to you in prayer.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer in Two Voices by Joy Cowan, Trinity United Church, Ingersoll, Ontario

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

One: Our God of many names: Creator, Allah, and Mother.

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

One: You are sacred, divine, holy.

All: **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

One: May your vision for a healed and vibrant world be made manifest.

All: **Give us this day our daily bread.**

One: You know our needs before we name them.

All: **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

One: May we act with humility and forgive generously.

All: **And lead us not into temptation but deliver from evil.**

One: Help us to journey along a good path and follow in your way.

All: **For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

One: You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Source of all that is.

All: **Forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "God Abundant, God of Wonder"

Amanda Udis-Kessler (*sung to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic"*)

All: **God abundant, God of wonder,
God of every living thing.
God of justice and of righteousness,
empower us as we sing.
May the wisdom Jesus offers,
be the gift that we can bring,
Your love is meant for all.**

**Praise the source of all creation.
Heed the holy invitation.
Offered up to every nation,
God's love is meant for all.**

**How insulting to imagine you would only bless a few
based on creed or right belief,
We know it matters what we do.**



Spiritual thought for your week!

“Beliefs matter- but love matters more.”

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**When we cultivate compassion
then your truth is known anew,
Your love is meant for all.**

**Praise the source of all creation.
Heed the holy invitation
Offered up to every nation,
God’s love is meant for all.**

Benediction

One: May the God of the changing seasons
wrap you in warmth as the days grow cooler.
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: “Olde Irish Blessing” (Choir)

Postlude: Kyung-A Lee

*Let us take three minutes to turn and greet one another
with signs of Christ’s love and blessing as we move into
a brand-new week.*



*Please join us in Trinity Hall following today’s service where
the Outreach Team are providing a light lunch in thanks for
your support of the Mission & Service Fund.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

New Member Biography

Bob Sutherland. Bob was born in Port Colborne, Ontario, the oldest of three boys. Bob lived in Port Colborne and Wainfleet his entire life, until this past January when, along with his wife Joanne, they moved to a town that has a real winter (and blackflies)! Bob worked as a millwright in the marine industry. His hobbies include hockey, cycling, fishing and kayaking. Bob has a daughter in Vancouver, a son in Drayton Valley, Alberta and a son in Melbourne, Australia and has seven grandchildren.

“We are loving Huntsville and look forward to our membership in the Trinity United Church family.”

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse food bank.

October is... Toiletries/Personal Hygiene Products!

The Men of Trinity – Wednesday October 22 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room.

Worship Team – Thursday October 23 at 3:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

The Communication & Technology Team is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate business cards on our website. Please see Lynda Arnold or MaryAnne Mitchell for more information. We hope someone will take this on to help support our team. Thank you!



Mission & Service (M&S) Report for Trinity

Shirley Boon, M&S Treasurer

As of September 30, 2025, Trinity folks, including the UCW, have contributed **\$14,500** to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. THANK YOU!

Our goal for 2025 is \$20,000, \$12,000 through Trinity's budget and \$8,000 from additional individual donations.

Today, October 19, 2025, the Outreach Team is sponsoring M&S Sunday at Trinity. You will hear how your money is working through M&S helping to TRANSFORM lives, INSPIRE meaning and purpose, and BUILD a better world **Together**.

Special envelopes are available in the pews and with the greeters. All donations are tax deductible and can be given to the church office anytime with a notation that it is for M&S.

The Outreach Team is hosting coffee hour after church today. We are providing a light lunch of a sandwich and dessert to thank you for your support. Money in the Benevolent Fund basket today will be used for M&S.

