

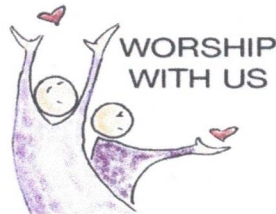


Today's bulletin is kindly sponsored by Bette Tusz.

**"Create in me a clear heart and renew a right spirit
within me."**

Psalm 51. Verse 10

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast, are on the traditional territories of Indigenous people.

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Welcome to Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Transfiguration Sunday
Sunday February 15, 2026 - 10 am

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

“Glimpses of God call us to alter our lives and to begin to see and do things differently.”

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

Introit: “I have Called You by Your Name”
(MV 161 - verse 1)

**All: I have called you by your name, you are mine.
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.**

Greeting

One: Jesus said: “I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly!”

All: In our lives may this be so.

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in God’s transforming love!

Today is Transfiguration Sunday and it marks the turning point of the church year. The light of Epiphany now gives way to the road toward Jerusalem. Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent!

We gather every week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts and to aspire to be better humans to build a better world for

ALL God’s people. If you’re visiting or shopping around for a new spiritual home, we are glad you’re here with us. Our congregation is affirming and inclusive of the full spectrum of gender, identity and sexual orientation.

May this service be a blessing to you and may you be a blessing to others this coming week.

This Week’s Announcements

Joys and Concerns and God Moments?

Moment of Meditation

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: Come to the mountain top where Jesus is revealed in glory and light.

**All: We come seeking to see, to listen and to be changed.
Open our hearts to God’s presence.**


One: From moments of mystery and wonder to everyday life, Jesus leads us forward.

All: As we aim to follow Jesus, let us celebrate the One who transforms us with light and love.

Opening Hymn: “Jesus on the Mountain Peak” (VU 102)

Opening Prayer

All: Radiant God, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence. Thaw our fears and winter bound spirits. Holy One, shine your light upon us today. Open our eyes to see you, our ears to listen for your voice, and our hearts to follow where you lead us. Change us gently, so that we may reflect your love in our world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

 **A Special Singing Valentine from Rev. Diane to Trinity United Church- the heart in the heart of Huntsville!**

The Quartet singers include Jeff Ross, Sue Gurr, Beverly Webb and James Mossman.  

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: May this flame a symbol of transformation fire our curiosity, strengthen our wills, and sustain our courage as we seek what is good within and around us.

Time with our Light Beamers

Our young people are taught the values and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, his love and his compassion for all God's people. In turn, they learn to share this love with others at home, at school and in their communities.

Congregational Blessing

Light Beamers: "May the peace of Christ be with you".

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem: "This Little Light of Mine" (arr. Joel Raney)

(On this Transfiguration Sunday the disciples catch a glimpse of Jesus' full glory on the mountain. This morning's anthem captures that radiance with a high energy gospel setting of "This Little Light of Mine." The middle section weaves in the hymn "Heavenly Sunshine" as a perfect reminder that our little light shines because we are "flooded with glory divine" from God. As we aim to follow Jesus, we keep our eyes on him and his light fills us up so we can shine for others to see.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIFE-GIVING WORD

Our Scripture Reader today is Sally McClelland.

Prayer of Illumination

One: Loving One, we have gathered in this place wanting to experience something greater than ourselves. May we be granted the wisdom you offer as we receive the words of your Scripture today. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

(Something glorious and mysterious takes place high on the mountaintop, Jesus shines more brightly than the noon day sun.)

Reader: Open our hearts to hear these words anew.

All: **Amen**

Minister's Message: "From the Mountain to the Valley – it's time to Shine!"

One: Today we are continuing our sermon/message series called "Travelling the Way - Aiming to Follow Jesus." During the past several Sunday's we have unpacked what following Jesus and becoming a Christ follower looks like including becoming salt and light people! Our hymn says it best; *we are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.* This series will take us to the first Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026.

Brief Musical Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LIFE-GIVING WORD

Offering Invitation

One: God's light shone through Christ on top of the mountain. Today, we are invited to reflect that light through our generosity and love.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Doxology for Transfiguration

All: Praise God for visions great and small.
Praise God who calls us one and all.
Praise God whose Spirit gives new sight.
Praise God who fills our lives with light. Amen.

Offering Prayer

All: Illuminating Spirit, receive these gifts and receive our lives that they may shine with your love and bring hope, compassion and light to others. Bless what we offer today and use it to reveal Jesus' presence in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(an alternate version of the Prayer of Jesus)

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.

Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" (VU 509)

(This hymn moves us down the mountain and into the work and service of everyday living.)

Benediction

One: May you be a window
through which Christ's light shines.
May you be a voice
through which Christ's message is heard.
May you be a hand
through which Christ's help is given.
May you be a heart
through which Christ's grace is shared.
May you see the face of Christ in all you meet.
And may all you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

(Rev. Dennis Posno 2002, adapted 2026)

Sung Blessing: "Shine, Jesus Shine!"

All: Shine, Jesus Shine!
Fill this moment with Spirit's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze, light our hearts on fire!
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send for your word Spirit and let there be light.

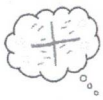
Musical Postlude: Kyung-A Lee

Following the Postlude, let us take three minutes to turn and greet one another with signs of Christ's peace and blessing as we move into a brand-new week.



Please join us in Trinity Hall following today's service where you are invited for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.

Thank you to some "sweethearts" who have stepped up to cover today's Coffee Hour! Enjoy!



Spiritual thought for your week ahead!

"Faith is not about staying in some mystical experience but about bringing transformation and change into our world."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

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

February is granola bars (no nuts), fruit cups and pudding cups.

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey to the cross, a sacred season of reflection, renewal, and transformation.

While Lent is often seen as a time of denial and giving up something, it is also a deeply hopeful season — an invitation to grow, to heal, and to consciously evolve in life-giving ways. Together, we will explore how Lent calls us to gently face the things that break our relationships, weigh down our spirits, and keep us from living fully alive.

This year's Lenten sermon series, *Becoming Whole: A Lenten Journey of Transformation*, invites us to discover how we can live more fully, authentically, and courageously, even in a world marked by chaos and brokenness.

Our journey begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm here at Trinity**, with a service titled *"Facing What We Hide."*

Through prayer, reflection, and community, we will open ourselves to God's healing presence and the possibility of new beginnings.

We hope you will join us and once again walk this journey together. Lenten Blessings! Rev. Diane



The Men of Trinity – Wednesday February 18 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room. Call Len Ross (705-349-2553) for details.

Bless, Break, Share – Lenten Study 2026

Join us on Tuesdays in Lent to explore your faith through food. We begin on February 24, 2026. In this six-week series, join Rev. Christine Jeffett as she uses the United Church's new Devotional Book "Bless, Break, Share" to guide a time of reflection and discussion on food and hunger throughout Lent. **All sessions will be Tuesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

Session 1: February 24, 2026 – The Table of Invitation

Session 2: March 3 – The Table of Longing

Session 3: March 10 – The Table of Blessing

Session 4: March 17 – The Broken Table

Session 5: March 24 – The Table of Justice

Session 6: March 31 – The Table of Solidarity

Join us

If anybody is interested, please let Suzy in the office or myself know and we could gather in my office and journey together! Rev. Diane

The Communications and Technology Team is in need of someone to work on our Trinity website.

Do you have experience working on a website or just want to learn a new skill? Please consider helping out. If you are interested please email Lynda Arnold at mlarnold@vianet.ca. Thank you!



Your Communications and Technology Team wants to hear from you! There are four panels of windows at Trinity, facing West Street. We are looking for ideas/suggestions as to what the congregation would like to see on the windows. Some suggestions so far include: a sign that fits into half of one of the panels that we can update regularly, seasonal posters/banners.

Please send your suggestions to:
maryanne.e.mitchell@gmail.com no later than
Monday February 23, 2026. Thank you!



World Day of Prayer 2026 – Friday March 6 beginning
1:00 pm at the Salvation Army, 4 Mary Street East.



God in the Dark — A Lenten Movie Series

Looking for a meaningful way to journey through Lent this year? Join us for “*God in the Dark*”, a six-week movie series exploring how love, compassion, courage, and hope reveal the presence of God, even in unexpected places.

Starting Tuesday February 24 at 7:00 pm in Trinity Hall.
Cost: \$5 admission (includes popcorn!)



Each week we will watch a film together and share a relaxed, welcoming conversation about where we notice God showing up in the story and in our own lives.

No expectations, just a welcoming space to reflect, and explore life's bigger questions together.

Come bring a friend or meet new ones here!



Join us as we walk this Lenten journey discovering light, meaning, and connection along the way! Lenten Blessings, Rev. D



Trinity's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2026, in Trinity Hall following worship. Everyone is invited to attend.

The 2025 Annual Report will be available this week in your email box, online, and next Sunday in print.

