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Welcome to Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026 - 10 am

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

Jesus welcomed everybody and so do we!

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Introit: “He Came Singing Love” (VU 359)

**All: He came singing love and he lived singing love;
He died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

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 all-inclusive love!

We gather every week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts and to aspire to be better humans in order 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. 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

One: Sometimes our lives feel disjointed as though they are a valley of dry bones.

All: But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

One: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

All: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of the light and love.

Opening Hymn: “Spirit of Life” (VU 381)

Opening Prayer

All: Spirit of Life, we do not always live into the promise of life. Sometimes we focus too much on being comfortable. We soon discover worldly pleasures often leave us dry and empty. Forgive us for chasing empty promises and turn us back once again to your life-giving and fulfilling ways. Amen.

Light Beamer Song: “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (VU 357)

A Lenten Candle Liturgy

One: Today we extinguish our fifth candle to mark the darkness that befalls us when our actions and thoughts cause things to turn dark and ugly in our lives, in our families and yes even in our church.

Our fifth candle is extinguished by our Light Bearers.

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.**

Morning Anthem: "Who is that Man?"

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIFE-GIVING WORD

Today's Scripture Reader is Lynn Montgomery.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Let us pray: On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we come to hear your word and be inspired into faithful action. May we be granted the wisdom you offer as your words land tenderly in our hearts. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

(This is about a vision the prophet Ezekiel sees as his nation lies in ruins. A community filled with despair and beyond hope. Can these dry bones live again? Where are the "dry bone" places in your life today?)

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

All: **Amen.**

Minister's Message: Today we are continuing with our message series called: "*Becoming Whole- Our Lenten Journey of Transformation.*" Lent is the season of learning to become a little more spiritually healthy and whole. It can be tempting at times to allow our brokenness to define us. Instead, we can

transform our pain and our suffering so we are empowered to be healers in our lives, our relationships and our world.

Minister's Message: "CPR for the Soul"

Brief Musical Reflection

Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (VU 382)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LIFE-GIVING WORD

Offering Invitation

One: Just as God breathes life into the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision, our gifts today become part of God's work of bringing new life and hope into our world.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offertory Hymn: "We Are Pilgrims" (VU 595 - Giving as a way of supporting one another's journey.)

All: **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.**

**Sister let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you,
pray that I may have the grace to
let me be your servant too.**

Offering Prayer

All: **Breath of Life, you see the places in our lives that feel dry and discouraged. You see the places in our world that feel weary, scattered and worn down. Yet you are the One who breathes hope into what seems impossible. Bless these gifts and use them to bring life where there is despair, hope where there is fear and renewal where**

hearts have grown tired. Breathe new generosity and compassion into us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Ethel Robinson
Diane Charlton
Janice Elliot
Rick Boddy (the death of his mom)
Wanda Tizzard (April 8 is her 100th birthday)
Rick and Sandra Wearing
Bill Corrigan (small stroke in hospital home again)
Donna DeVouge (quite sick after her fourteenth round of chemo)
Tim Rice (awaiting stem cell transplant out in BC)
Brock, Colleen Mitchell's nephew (recovering from brain surgery about a month ago and all the challenges it presents)

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: "God Be with You til We Meet Again"
(VU 422)

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 heart
through which Christ's love 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.

(Written by Rev. Denis Posno 2002 but adapted 2026)

Sung Blessing: "The Celtic Prayer"

Musical Postlude: Kyung-A Lee

Following the Postlude, let us take a few moments to 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 MaryAnne and Jamie Mitchell for hosting Coffee Hour today!

SOS ... Easter Sunday Coffee Hour hosts needed!!

Let Lynda Arnold or the office know if you are able to help out!
Thank you!





Spiritual thought to go!

“When we are born, we are born into a relationship with air, with breathing we are creatures into whom life it breathes.

Gunilla Norris



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The UCW would like to thank everyone that attended their Irish stew luncheon last Sunday and also a big thank you to all the workers who helped make it possible! They served around 70 meals and received \$900!

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank. **March is Macaroni and Cheese!**



God in the Dark — Movie Nights for Meaningful Conversation

Looking for something to pick you up out of the winter doldrums? Join us for *God in the Dark*, a six-week movie series where film, conversation, and community come together.

Tuesday March 24 – Movie: “The Intern “ A retired 70-year-old widower, Ben (played by Robert De Niro), is bored with retired life. He applies to be a senior intern at an online fashion retailer and gets the position. The founder of the company is Jules Ostin (Anne Hathaway), a tireless, driven, demanding, dynamic workaholic. Ben is made her intern, but this is a nominal role - she doesn't intend to give him work and it is just window dressing. However, Ben proves to be quite useful and, more than that, a source of support and wisdom.



Cost: \$5 admission (includes popcorn!). **Time:** 7:00 pm.

Following the movie, we will share relaxed, open discussions about themes like love, compassion, courage, hope and the moments that move us. No pressure, no expectations, just a welcoming space to reflect, connect, and explore life’s bigger questions together. Come as you are, bring a friend or meet new ones here. Whether you’re curious, reflective, spiritual, or just love good movies and meaningful conversation, you are warmly welcome.

Easter Flowers! If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Flowers in memory or honour of a loved one, you may do so by completing the Easter Flower Form found where you picked up your bulletin. The completed forms can be put on the offering plate or dropped off at the office no later than Monday March 23 for inclusion in the Palm Sunday bulletin.

Our suggested donation is \$12 per plant which can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the office or e-Transferred noting “flowers” in the memo line.

These Easter flower donations will be used to purchase spring-time plants that will be delivered to members of our congregation that are in retirement residences, long-term care homes or who are unable to attend our Easter Service in person.

We will need drivers who would be willing to help deliver these following the Palm Sunday Service please. Thank you!!

Easter Blessings from the Member Care Team!

Christian Meditation Course. Spiritual Director and long-time meditation guide Alexander Jones will lead a five-week introduction to Christian Meditation. This five-week course begins on Sunday March 29 and runs until April 26 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Cost: \$150. If you would like to join, please contact Alexander at alex@alexmeditation.com or telephone: 705-388-7217.