



The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

Patience spring is on its way!

Tiniest motes of snow, sifting, dancing in the morning sun.
Sun's rays warming the earth, stronger each day.
Wells of warmth around tree trunks,
informing of the life juices moving upward, hidden, magical.
While buds of spring, green and yellow tips, teasing us,
breaking through winter's cold clutches.
Promises peaking through to reach for the sky.
Patience! ... Spring is dressing the earth at her own pace.

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Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Easter Sunday Service

April 12, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

Jesus speaks these words in times of doubt and difficulty,

“My peace I give to you.” John 14: 27

WE GATHER AS GOD’S EASTER PEOPLE

Introit: “Sing a Happy Hallelujah” (VU 224)

All: **Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we’re the echo of God’s laughter,
we’re the image of God’s smile.
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!**

Greeting

One: We gather both here and at home to proclaim once again, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

All: **Jesus lives! He lives in the hearts and minds of all who follow him!**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in the Risen Spirit of Christ!

We are an Easter people called to bring new life to others!

Announcements

Joy and Concerns/Sads and Glads

A Moment of Quiet Reflection

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: We gather today with questions on our hearts.

All: **Questions we sometimes speak aloud and sometimes keep hidden.**

One: Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know what is real.

All: **We come searching for the presence of the risen Christ among us.**

One: Peace be with you says the risen Spirit.

All: **We come to worship the One who welcomes our faith and our doubt.**

Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” (VU 232)

Opening Prayer

All: **Ever Present God, some of us come full of confidence and others quietly holding questions. You know the places where we struggle to believe and the times when we long for something we can hold onto. Yet, you come to us through guarded hearts breathing your spirit into our lives so we may move from doubt to trust. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ who meets us just where we are. Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ candle

One: Today, we light the Christ candle once again symbolizing that the light always conquers the darkness... a light that shines within us too.

Time with our Light Bearers

(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 how to shine their love with others at home, at school and at play.)

Congregational Blessing

Light Bearers: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also, with you.**

Anthem: “Mary Laid Her Baby Down”
(In loving memory of Doris Monahan)

GOD’S WORD FOR AN EASTER PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Lynda Baker.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Holy One, as we hear your word, open our minds and especially our hearts. May the words land exactly where they need to land. Amen.

New Testament Reading: John 20: 19-29

(Jesus makes one of his post resurrection appearances to his disciples and to Thomas. Thomas has trouble believing until he sees Jesus for himself. What do you believe?)

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

All: **Out of the darkness of tombs comes new life.
Amen!**

The Minister’s Message: “Believing”

Brief Musical Reflection

Offering Invitation

One: As an Easter people we are called to feed those who are dismissed from the world’s tables. Through our gifts may they no longer feel hungry or alone.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn: (tune of Edelweiss)

All: **God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth,
help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.**

Offering Prayer

All: **Generous Spirit of Life, we bring these gifts today not as proof of our faith but as a response to your love. Bless these offerings that they may become signs of your presence in the world, bringing hope where there is doubt and healing where there is brokenness. Use us and these gifts to embody the spirit of the Risen Christ in ways that can be both seen and felt. Amen.**

Prayers of the Community

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: “We Are Marching in the Light of God”
(VU 646)

Going Forth

One: We are an Easter people marching in the light of God!
Go forth and bring new life and resurrection wherever
your life may take you!

Irish Benediction

One: 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 palm of God’s hand.

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. Coffee Hour hosts are Judy White, Member Care Team Leader and Darlene McNeil.



Spiritual thought to go!



“Easter is a season of fifty days leading up to the celebration of Pentecost. It is a story of the lasting power of love, the resilience of life and the strength of hope.”

Dr. Nancy Rothwell ###

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

A BIG THANK YOU to the UCW for suppling the coffee, tea and



sugar for Trinity's weekly Sunday Coffee Hours. And Thank You to the hosts for providing the goodies, milk/cream and set up and clean up every week. Our Coffee Hours are an important part of our fellowship and very much appreciated by all who attend.

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

Directors and Team Leaders meeting – Tuesday April 14 at 10:00 am in the Arnold Room.

UCW Meeting – Tuesday April 14 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

The Men of Trinity – Wednesday April 15 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room.

From Trinity’s Souper Sandwich

It is with a sad heart that we have to inform you that we are retiring from our monthly luncheons as of Friday May 8, 2026. After 31 years of organizing, prepping and getting all the generous volunteers who supply the delicious soups and desserts, I, Nancy Waxlam letting go of the reigns of this amazing community fundraising event. Annie Mino, our Treasurer, also thanks you for supporting this event.

Thank you to all who shared their time and energy.

We THANK YOU for coming to our luncheons.

We hope to see you on our last luncheon May 8!



We have a pew for you!

Are you feeling called to make Trinity United Church your new spiritual home?

Are you searching for community and renewed purpose and meaning?

On Sunday, May 31 we will celebrate a special **Welcoming Ceremony** during worship. This is a meaningful opportunity to be formally recognized as part of our spirit-filled and growing Trinity community.

If you would like to take part, please speak with Rev. Diane or Suzy in the coming weeks.

Come to Christ!

Come to Community!

Come to care and to make a difference!

We would be honoured to welcome you as you make a commitment to serve and follow The Way of Jesus and his teachings of compassion, hope, and forgiveness.

Be here! Be you! Belong!

Rev. D



It's almost Auction Time! Trinity's Online Annual Auction – April 13 to 27.

Trinity is once again holding its Annual Auction to raise funds that help us continue serving our community as *the heart in the heart of Huntsville*, and beyond.

From **April 13 to 27**, a link will be provided to the ONLINE AUCTION featuring all donated items and experiences.

Get ready to 'BID' on an unbelievable variety of items!!

