



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*



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**Trinity's Online Annual Auction – April 13 to 27.**

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# Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday April 19, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

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*“The risen Christ is known in ordinary acts  
of grace and gathering.”*

## 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!

### Announcements

**Joy and Concerns/Sads and Glads**

**A Moment of Quiet Reflection**

## Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: We come today with those who walk roads of joy and sorrow and hope and confusion.

All: **And still Christ meets us here.**

One: Not always as we expect. Not always recognized at first. But present just the same.

All: **So, we come wondering and seeking because Christ has drawn near and invites us to walk the road with him.**

**Opening Hymn:** “Let Us Build a House” (MV 1 - verses 1,3,5)

### Opening Prayer

All: **Risen Christ you meet us on the road of our lives in our conversations and in our uncertainties. We are thankful that you are with us in our struggles and walk beside us listening to our stories, meeting us in our searching. When we cannot recognize you, help us to trust your presence. When our hearts feel heavy, rekindle within us a holy burning. Amen.**

*Lighting of the Christ candle*

One: Christ shows up in all the ordinary moments of our life whether we recognize him or not.

### 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.**

## **GOD'S WORD FOR AN EASTER PEOPLE**

Our Scripture Reader today is Judy White.

### **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:** Luke 24: 13-35

*(Jesus makes another appearance on the road to Emmaus.)*

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

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

### **The Minister's Message:** "Jesus is Incognito"

### **Brief Musical Reflection**

### **Hymn:** "As We Walked Home at Close of Day" (VU 184)

### **Offering Invitation**

One: As an Easter people we are called to bring new life to others! We are called to lift one another up. May our gifts today give rise to hope and peace for those who have lost their way along life's path.

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: **Holy One, take these gifts, bless them and use them so your love and compassion may be recognizable to those who need them most. Bless us too so we may recognize the risen presence of Christ in our ordinary, everyday lives. 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:** "Christ is Alive" (VU 158 - verses 1,3, 5)

#### **Sung Blessing:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (VU 424)

All: **May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every hand and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

## 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.

Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts today, Trinity's Trustees.



### Spiritual thought to go!

*"Sometimes we only recognize Christ on the road of our lives when we look back and realize he was walking with us all along."*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

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

**Enliven Cancer Care 10th Anniversary Speaker Series & Wellness Fair** is being held on Thursday April 23 from 1:00 pm to



5:00 pm in Trinity's Sanctuary and Trinity Hall. Everyone is welcome to join them for an afternoon of education, support and community as they celebrate 10 years of Enliven Cancer Care.

### 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



**Chuck's Coffee House is back! Live Acoustic Folk Music –  
Saturday May 2 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary!**

It's gonna be a fun night out for \$10 - no tickets required! *Bring a friend!*

For more information call Chuck 705-571-1229.



**Mission & Service (M&S) Financial Report for Trinity**

by Shirley Boon, M&S Treasurer.

**As of the end of March, Trinity Huntsville has sent \$3,905 to M&S** consisting of \$3,000 from Trinity's 2026 budget and \$905 from individual M&S donations over and above their usual envelope or PAR givings.

Thank you so much for contributing to this vital global outreach work.

We send our monthly donations to the M&S department of the United Church of Canada and together our "gifts" for Mission and Service help transform and save lives, in Canada and around the world".

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



**A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

In the late 80's/early 90's, a group of Trinity members formed the Trinity Non-Profit Housing Corporation and with government funding and built the townhouse complex on Iris Court in Huntsville. It consists of 11 rental units, a mix of geared-to-income and market-value housing. Over the years the Board has consisted of a mix of community individuals and some with connections to Trinity.

We are presently seeking more members. This board has no official connection to Trinity so is open to anyone in the community of Huntsville. If you (or someone you know) is looking for an opportunity to volunteer to help make a small but important difference in the current housing crisis, we invite you to get in touch. This is not an onerous contribution of your time - we have an Annual General Meeting and usually 2-4 other meetings a year. The District of Muskoka controls the list of those seeking accommodations and decides who moves in when a vacancy occurs and a Property Management Company looks after collecting rents and the day-to-day maintenance of the property.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please send an email with your contact information and a brief description of the skills and interests you offer the board to our Interim President, Joanne Purchase: [dhpmjp@gmail.com](mailto:dhpmjp@gmail.com) by April 25, 2026.

Thank You!

