



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*



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# Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday April 26, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

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*“The universe is infinitely abundant and so am I.”*

Marianne Williamson

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

All: In our daily lives may this be so.

Welcome to Trinity United Church –

*the heart in the heart of Huntsville!*

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

### Announcements

**Joy and Concerns/Sads and Glads**

**A Moment of Quiet Reflection**

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach**

One: We come today from different paths, some confident, some of us uncertain, some of us weary from the journey.

All: We all come seeking rest and hoping for direction.

One: We come because we need guidance, we need a steady presence to walk with us.

All: We come because we do not want to walk alone.

One: In every season- green pastures or shadowed valleys- God is with us.

All: Let us celebrate God’s presence together!

**Opening Hymn:** “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (VU 747)

### Opening Prayer

All: Loving and guiding God, we come into this moment carrying all that life has given us. Even though we travel embarrassing and hurt-filled paths we fear no evil for we turn to you. Be present with us here. Quiet the noise within us. Steady our hearts. Open us to your gentle leading and to trust your presence every step of the way. Amen.

**Light Beamer Song:** “Are You a Shepherd?” (MV 126)

*Lighting of the Christ candle*

One: This flame reminds us that Christ is with us, leading us restoring us and holding 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 how to shine their love with others at home, at school and at play.)*

### Congregational Blessing

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

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

**Anthem:** “As Long as I Have Jesus”

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

*Our Scripture Reader today is Sally McClelland.*

### **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 10: 1-10

*(The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one that inspires and encourages us in our faith journeys. Knowing that we are named by Jesus and he calls us to join in caring for others is a timeless truth.)*

### **Old Testament Reading:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

*(This is a familiar and much-loved Psalm and has been used for hundreds of years to bring comfort and healing to broken hearts.)*

Reader: God’s Word is a lamp to our feet.

All: **And a light to our path.**

**The Minister’s Message:** “The Voice that Holds Us”

### **Brief Musical Reflection**

**Hymn:** “I Have Called You by Your Name” (MV 161)

### **Offering Invitation**

One: Today we are reminded that we do not journey through this life alone. We are held in love.

With grateful hearts, 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, Source of all Life, bless these gifts and those who give them. May they reflect your love and care in this place and in our wider community. May they be symbols of hope, peace and love for those who need them most. In Christ’s name we pray. 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:** “It Only Takes a Spark” (VU 289)

**Benediction**

One: May the One who is our Shepherd  
walk beside us.  
May we find green pastures when our soul is weary  
and still waters when our heart is restless.  
When we pass through shadowed valleys may  
we know we are not alone.  
And when the road feels long and uncertain  
may we be held in a love that will not let us go. Amen.

**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.**

**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.*



Join us in Trinity Hall for Coffee Hour and fellowship following the service. Special thanks to our hosts today.



**Spiritual thought to go!**

*“Even in the middle of struggle, in the time of stress, grief  
and uncertainty, there are still moments of grace,  
love and connection.”*

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**Trinity’s Online Annual Auction – April 13 to 27.  
Get your bid on!**

**Bidding closes tomorrow at 3:00 pm!!!**

Get 'BIDDING' on an unbelievable variety of items!!



## 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!**

**FundScrip orders are due next week!**

Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas and gifts and in doing so, Trinity benefits!

Thank you for your support of this fund raiser!



Please join the **Muskoka Concert Band** at their annual Spring Concert **TODAY in the Sanctuary at 2:00 pm!** This spring they will



be performing a special program titled "**Picture This! - Music that tells us stories**". Admission \$20 at the door, children 12 and under free. Proceeds from the concert will support the band and Trinity United Church programs. Please join for this fun spring concert!

**Therapeutic Touch** – Monday April 27 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Everyone is invited to attend for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



**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.



**Hike for Hospice!** Hello Trinity Friends.

Once again this year, I will be joining the "Hike for Hospice" to raise operating funds for Huntsville's very own Algonquin Grace Hospice. The hike will take place on **Sunday, May 3** and my team, "Queens and Followers", will hike in memory of our loved ones

who spent their final days being cared for by the incredible staff at Algonquin Grace.

If you would like to sponsor me, I will be available after Church Sunday, April 26. I won't be available to take donations on Hike day as the trails are located at the Limberlost Forest and Wildlife Reserve. You can also drop your donation off at Trinity's office and Suzy will notify me.

All donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a charitable donation receipt from Algonquin Grace Hospice.

Cash is fine and cheques are payable to "Hospice Huntsville".

If you prefer, email me at: [drivingrange@cogeco.ca](mailto:drivingrange@cogeco.ca) and I will send you the link to make an online donation.

My Trinity family's support is much appreciated!  
Linda Martin



**Souper Sandwich Lunch and Takeout** is Friday May 8 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in Trinity Hall. Takeout order deadline is Tuesday May 5. Call: 705-789-5679. As you know, this is Nancy's last Souper Sandwich, so we encourage everyone to come on out, eat lunch and celebrate Nancy! Hope to see you there!



**The Huntsville Community Choir** is presenting a beautifully curated Spring Program for your enjoyment.

Louis Tusz has selected songs from every corner of the Spring season to delight you.

Come and enjoy the joyful sounds of spring!

Concerts are on Friday May 8 at 7:30 pm and Saturday May 9 at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Tickets are available at the door and online: [huntsvillecommunitychoir.com](http://huntsvillecommunitychoir.com).



## 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



## Bulletin Sponsorship

You are invited to contribute a week of bulletins in memory of a loved one, or celebration of a birthday, anniversary or just a special day to you, please let Suzy know if you would like to sponsor a bulletin. The cost is \$30. Thank you.

If you would like a prayer included with the prayers of the people, **Prayer Pockets** are available and should be placed on the offering plate. Thank you!



## Camp Big Canoe Supplies Needed!

Camp Big Canoe has indicated that it needs the following supplies for the summer craft programme. Donations may be brought to the office for the attention of Nancy Waxl from Monday April 27 to Thursday May 28. Thank you for your support!

Acrylic Paint	Buttons
Clothes Pins	Fabric/wood markers
Face Paint	Felt
Glue Sticks (small or large)	Googly Eyes
Keychain Clips	Letter Beads
Liquid Glue	Little Glass Jars
Melting Beads Boards	Melting Bead Painter's Tape
Parchment Paper	Pill Bottles
Pompoms	Pony Beads
Popsicle Sticks	Rolls of Paper
Sponge Brushes	Stickers
Straws	String
Toilet Paper Rolls	Wood Circles

**Car Boot Sale on Saturday June 6 at the Summit Centre Car Park!** The Rotary Club of North Muskoka are now accepting vendor registrations for their Car Boot Sale.

The full details can be found at:

<https://rotaryclubofnorthmuskoka.com/event/2026-annual-car-boot-sale/>

Any questions please feel free to contact them at:

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