



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*  
Sunday May 10, 2026

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"May all mothers everywhere be safe with their families. "



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# Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville  
Mother's Day / Christian Family Sunday  
Sunday May 10, 2026 - 10:00 am

*"Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands"*

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*"Without love, all else is empty"*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Introit: "Find a Home Here"

All: **Find a home here, live out faith here,  
gather strength here, find family here.  
Be yourself here, feel secure here,  
celebrate here, be at home here. (repeat)**

### 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 God's awesome love!

### Announcements

### Joy and Concerns/Sads and Glads

### A Moment of Quiet Reflection

### Call to Worship

One: Come, all who have been shaped by love.

All: **We come with grateful hearts.**

One: Come, all who are still searching for love.

All: **We come with open hearts.**

One: Come, all who are carrying joy or sorrow.

All: **We come just as we are.**

One: God's love meets us here in every story, in every season.

All: **We come to be shaped by love again.**

One: Let us celebrate The One whose love knows no bounds.

All: **And whose grace holds and welcomes us all.**

**Opening Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" (VU 395)

### Opening Prayer

All: **Nurturing God on this day we gather with many different stories, stories of love given and received and stories that still ache. We thank you for the many ways love has found its way into our lives through quiet acts of kindness and faithful presence. Where love has been broken or absent, we ask for your healing grace. Shape us with your love so that we may become love for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Light Beamer Song** "Put a Little Love in Your Heart"  
(Jackie Deshannon)

*Lighting of the Christ candle*

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

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

## **Anthem**

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

*Our Scripture Reader today is Julie Brushey.*

## **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: Colossians 3: 12-14**

*(Paul tells us to clothe ourselves in love.)*

## **Second New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 4-7**

*(This text speaks about a kind of love that is not just limited to one person but shows up in many different people.)*

## **Third New Testament Reading: Mark 3: 31-34**

*(In this text, Mark is expanding his definition of family.)*

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

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

## **The Minister's Message: "Love comes in many shapes and sizes"**

## **Brief Musical Reflection**

## **Offering Invitation**

One: Love is not only something we feel, it is something we live. It shows up in shared acts of generosity when we come together to care for one another and for our wider world.

Let us give with grateful hearts trusting that even the smallest gift can become one of the many shapes of love in this world.

Your morning 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: **Loving God, receive these gifts and use them to share your love in ways both seen and unseen. Shape us not only as givers, but also as people who live your love each day in word and in action. So that through us, your love may take many forms and reach many lives. Amen.**

## **Hymn: "We Are One in the Spirit"**

All: **We are one in the Spirit.  
We are one in God's love.  
We are one in the Spirit.  
We are one in God's love.  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored.**

[Chorus]

**And they'll know we're disciples  
by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are disciples by our love.**

**We will walk with each other.  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other.  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land.**

[Chorus]

**And they'll know we're disciples  
by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are disciples by our love.**

## **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: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"  
(VU 684)**

## **Commissioning**

### **Benediction**

One: May the love that nurtures all life  
go with you from this place,

the love of mothers,  
of those who have mothered us,  
and the love of God that holds us all. 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.**

**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.*



A very special Mother's Day treat awaits us all in Trinity Hall following the service today!

With much thanks and remembering Len Ross, our Men's Group are hosting, and everyone is invited to enjoy this special time.



**Thought for the week!**



*"Whether today is a joy, a memory or quiet reflection  
we are all held in Divine Love."*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Celebration of Life for Len Ross will be held on Thursday May 14 at 2:00 pm in Trinity's Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Trinity Hall.

All are welcome to attend!



**The Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank. **May is Jam and Ketchup!**

**UCW** meeting – Monday May 11 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

**New Members** meeting – Tuesday May 12 at 2:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

**Directors** meeting – Wednesday May 13 at 10:00 am in the Arnold Room.

**UCW** meeting – Wednesday May 13 at 2:00 pm in the Kitchen.

### **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



### **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



Please remember the **Benevolent Fund Basket** in Trinity Hall at Coffee Hour after worship. Your donation for the coffee and goodies helps the Outreach Team to help others in our community who are going through a difficult time in their lives.

Thank you for your support!



## A Mother's Prayer

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in  
its place but have not love,  
I am a housekeeper not a homemaker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing and decorative  
achievements but have not love,  
my children will learn cleanliness but not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.  
Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned  
fridge door.

Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.  
Love crawls with the baby,  
walks with the toddler,  
runs with the child,  
then stands aside to let the teenager walk  
into adulthood.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child,  
but the greatest of all is love.

Amen.



**Christian Family Sunday** takes place following Easter, on the Sunday most think of as Mothering Sunday. However, in a world where not everyone has a mother, or some have painful or complicated relationships with mothers, Christian Family Sunday offers us an opportunity to explore family in a new way.

When our birth, adoptive or foster families might fail us, God's does not. When the families who are charged with loving us as God created us instead reject us, the family of God welcomes us with unconditional love.

Christian Family Sunday is a celebration of the parents, grandparents, siblings and children we gain when we accept our place in God's family. Lived out, it's not always perfect, but we continue to try our best to embody God's kin-dom on earth!

