



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*

Sunday May 17, 2026



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*Come In  
and  
Get Comfy*



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# Welcome to Trinity

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### Sunday May 17, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

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*“May your nets be full of grace, joy and generosity.”*

## 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 Faith!

Welcome in God’s all-inclusive love!

*Trinity United Church is an affirming community of faith.  
Whoever you love, whatever your gender or economic  
status this is your community of faith. Jesus welcomed  
everybody and so do we! We are all God’s beloved part of our  
one grand human family. Welcome!*

## Announcements

## Joys and Concerns/Sads and Glads

## A Moment of Quiet Reflection

## Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are casting nets in the deep waters of life-searching, hoping and waiting.

All: **We come, bringing our ordinary lives into this  
community and before our Divine Presence.**

One: Come, you who feel caught up in busyness, worry, or routine.

All: **We come, longing for something more and to be more  
of the person we were created to be.**

One: Listen! Along the shoreline of our lives, Jesus is calling,

All: **“Follow me.”**

One: Come, let us be gathered in the wide net of God’s love!

**Opening Hymn:** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” (VU 374)

## Opening Prayer

All: **Companion God, you meet us in the middle of our  
everyday lives and call us to follow. Gather us now in your  
presence and help us to find that quiet centre. Open our  
hearts to your love and give us the courage to trust your  
call. So, in this moment help us slow down, to listen and  
to be open to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Light Beamer Song:** “Sing a Happy Hallelujah”  
(VU 224 - First and last verses only)

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

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

**Anthem:** "We Are the Hands of Christ"

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

*Our Scripture Reader today is Sue Hicks.*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

One: Holy One, as the first disciples heard Jesus' call to come and follow him may we too be open to his voice. Quiet the noise that distracts us and open our hearts to the wisdom of your Word. Amen.

**New Testament Reading:** Mark 1: 14-20

*(Jesus begins his ministry on the lakeshore of Galilee.)*

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

All: **Amen.**

**The Minister's Message:** "Gone Fishin'"

## **Brief Musical Reflection**

## **Offering Invitation**

One: Jesus calls ordinary people and invites them to be part of something extraordinary. Our gifts become part of the wide net of God's love in the world reaching out, welcoming in, and making a difference.

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: **Spirit of Life, we offer these gifts to you, bless them and use them to cast your net of love wide in this world bringing hope where there is worry, connection where there is loneliness and light where there is need. And empower us also to be part of your work and following where you lead us. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Spirit of the Living God" (VU 376)

## **Prayers of the Community**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*(An alternate version of the Prayer of Jesus)*

All: **Eternal Spirit,  
Pain-bearer and Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and all that shall be.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to ensure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For You reign in the glory of the POWER THAT IS LOVE,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** “Will You Come and Follow Me” (VU 567)

**Irish Benediction**

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 us all in the palm of  
God’s hand. 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.*



Join us here in the Sanctuary for Coffee Hour and fellowship following the service, with thanks to our hosts Kim Fairhall, Laura Speelman and Ruth Fox.



**Thought for the week!**

*“Falling down is part of life.  
Getting back up is living.”*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Celebration of Life for Rick Wearing will be held on Tuesday May 19 at 1:00 pm at the Algonquin Theatre with a reception to follow at the Active Living Centre.

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!**

**The Men of Trinity** will meet on Wednesday May 20 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room.

**The Lighthouse Food Bank** is in need of empty egg boxes! They can be left in the basket opposite Trinity Hall. Thank you!

*Recycle! Reuse! Reduce!*

**Help needed!** I am looking for a couple of gardeners "Green Thumbers" to assist with gardening duties this summer...

Let's add some colour to our Main Street location and

"Keep ...Trinity Growing. 🌸 🌸 🌸"

Please reach out to Jane Booker @ [bookerjg@gmail.com](mailto:bookerjg@gmail.com) or call (705) 787-1708.

Please consider giving a little of your "Thyme" !!

**"Love and Labour" Album Release Show** – Thursday May 21 at 7:30 pm in Trinity's Sanctuary – Trinity Place. Tickets are \$30 at the door.

**Souper Sandwich** needs a new lead organizer! If you are interested or have questions, please speak to Nancy Waxl or Suzy in the office.

**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

Clothes Pins

Face Paint

Glue Sticks (small or large)

Keychain Clips

Liquid Glue

Melting Beads Boards

Parchment Paper

Pompoms

Popsicle Sticks

Sponge Brushes

Straws

Toilet Paper Rolls

Buttons

Fabric/wood markers

Felt

Googly Eyes

Letter Beads

Little Glass Jars

Melting Bead Painter's Tape

Pill Bottles

Pony Beads

Rolls of Paper

Stickers

String

Wood Circles

