



### Summer Office Hours!

For the months of July and August the office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.



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*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*

Sunday July 26, 2026



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# Welcome To Trinity

## The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

### Sunday July 26, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

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*"Stone by stone, God is building a life  
that can withstand the storms of life."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Introit:** "Dance with the Spirit" (MV 156)

**All: Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life aborn-in',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way. (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 and foundational love!

Whether you're a quiet contemplative, a spiritual seeker, a progressive mainliner or an ex-evangelical, we are glad you're with us! Our time together is enriched by your presence.

*Trinity United Church is an Affirming community of faith,  
whomever 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. Love has no  
labels. Welcome!*

## Announcements

## Joys and Concerns

## A Moment of Quiet Reflection

## Call to Worship

One: We gather in the warmth of the summer sun with hearts full of joy, burdened by worry or longing for hope.

**All: We come to be in the presence of the One who is our  
rock and our refuge.**

One: A strong foundation is not built overnight.

**All: It is built stone by stone, choice by choice, action by  
action.**

One: Through prayer and the teachings of Jesus we are shaped into people who can keep standing through life's storms.

**All: Jesus calls us to build our lives upon the solid rock of  
love, mercy and grace.**

**Opening Hymn:** "In Loving Partnership We Come" (VU 603)

## Opening Prayer

**All: Divine Foundation, you are the rock beneath our feet,  
our strength in every season and our hope when storms  
blow through our lives. Stone by stone, build within us  
lives rooted in love and grounded in your peace. May our  
own lives also become a steady rock for others to lean  
upon when life's waters get rough. In Jesus name we  
pray. Amen.**

**Light Beamer Song:** “Will You Come and Follow Me”  
(VU 567)

**Lighting of the Christ candle by our Light Beamers**

**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:** "Flying Free"

(Quartet sung by Jeannette McCullough, Lynn Montgomery, Marion Nichols, and Sheila Petch)

## **GOD’S WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE**

Our Scripture Reader today is Jeannette McCullough.

**Prayer of Illumination**

One: Divine love, we come to your Word as we come to you, with open hearts and tired places within us. So, speak to us now. Take these ancient words and make them living words for us today.

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 7: 24-27

(A wise man builds his house upon a rock.)

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

All: **Amen.**

**The Minister’s Message:** “Stone by Stone –  
A life that won’t wash away.”

**Brief Musical Reflection**

**Stone Laying Ceremony**

*(You received a stone when you arrived at church today. You are now invited to come forward and lay the stone down as you think about firming up your spiritual foundation today. We don’t build a life of faith all at once. We build it one faithful choice, one rock at a time. What will your stone symbolize today? Will you lay down a stone of patience, a stone of courage, a stone of generosity, a stone of forgiveness? When you feel ready, please come forward and lay your stone down individually and collectively, we are striving to become a rock-solid community of Jesus followers who try to live as he calls us to live.)*

**Offering Invitation**

One: Every act of generosity is another stone laid in the foundation of God’s work in the world.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

**Offering Hymn:** “Grateful” (MV 182)

All: **Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy word.  
Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you, Lord.**

**Offering Prayer**

All: **Faithful God, we know that faith is built not only through words but through lives of generous love. Help us to continue to build this church into a community that stands on the solid foundation of Jesus, welcoming, compassionate and generous. Help us to continue building our lives upon the steadfast rock of your eternal and all-encompassing love. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### 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.**

### WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

**Closing Hymn:** "Will Your Anchor Hold" (VU 675)

### Commissioning

One: In the Spirit of love, we have gathered and now in the Spirit of love let us depart.

### 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 us all in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

**Musical Postlude:** Kyung-A Lee

*Following the Postlude, let's take three minutes to greet one another with the peace of Christ or simply reach out and say hello to somebody you have not had the blessing of meeting until today.*



Please join us in Trinity Hall following today's service where you are invited for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.

With thanks to our Coffee Hour Hosts today from Trinity's Choir, Jeannette McCullough (tenor/alto) and Sarah McDonald (alto).



### Thought for the Week!

*"A life of faith is built the way old stone walls are built,  
one stone at a time."*

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HAVE  
*faith*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

**The Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank. **July is Crackers (any type!)**

**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!



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



### Enjoying Trinity's Sunday Coffee Hours?

Hosting and/or help is needed for Sunday, September 6 and September 27.

Call Lynda Arnold on 705-635-3216 and let her know if you are available!

With thanks!!



### Book Study Group (last one!)

Tuesday July 28 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

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!



## Kyung-A Lee - Saturday, August 8 at the Algonquin Theatre!

The Huntsville Festival of the Arts is proudly hosting our own Music Director and pianist, Kyung-A Lee, for a spectacular **Cinematic Candlelight Concert** at the Algonquin Theatre on Saturday, August 8 at 7:30pm.

Surrounded by the beautiful glow of hundreds of candles, the evening will feature sweeping classical masterworks and iconic film music from *Schindler's List*, *Cinema Paradiso*, *New York, New York*, and more. Kyung-A will be joined on stage by a full 11-piece brass ensemble, guest instrumentalists, and her husband, Parres Allen!

We invite our congregation to come out for a wonderful night of music and support our Music Director. Your attendance also directly supports the HFA and helps keep vibrant, live music thriving right here in our community.

Tickets can be purchased online at:

<https://www.algonquintheatre.ca/> or through the theatre box office at **705-789-4975**.

