



The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

Sunday September 13, 2026

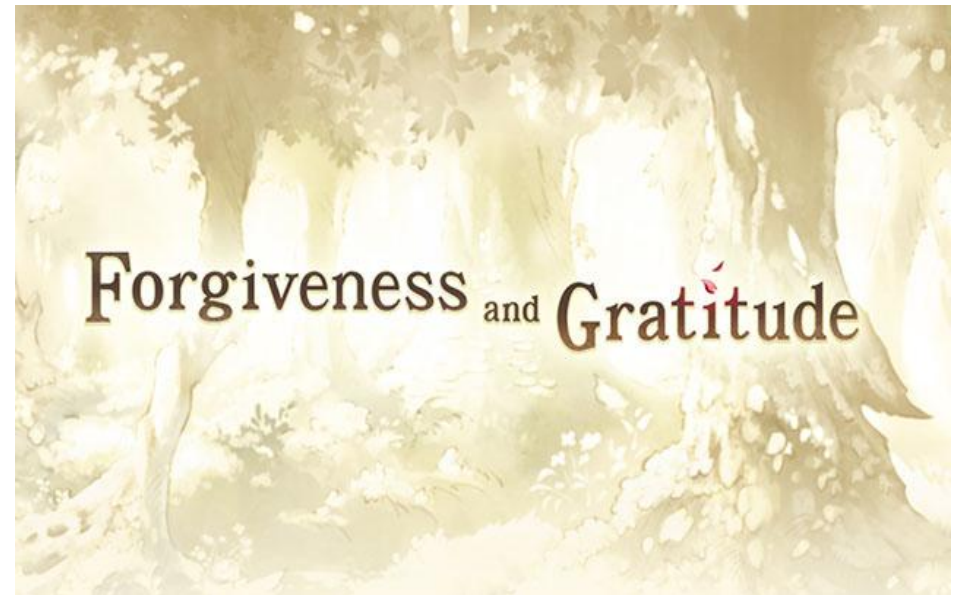
The bulletins today are sponsored by Rev. Diane
in loving memory of my mom Patricia Rorke.

*"Even though you have been physically gone for three years,
I still think of phoning you with my daily news."*

We never really lose the ones we love for they remain
in our hearts forever.

**"And now faith, hope, and love remain and
the greatest of these is love."**

1 Corinthians 13:13



The United Church of Canada acknowledges
that its buildings and ministries, from coast
to coast, are on the traditional territories of
Indigenous people.



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Welcome To Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday September 13, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

*"Open our hearts to the wisdom of Jesus
and to the freedom that forgiveness can bring."*

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 forgiving love!

*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 come today carrying the stories of our lives, stories of joy and stories of hurt, stories of love and stories of wounds.

All: We bring them all here in this sacred space.

One: Some hurts we have carried far too long. Some names still take up space in our minds and hearts.

All: Spirit of life, help us to loosen our grip and make room for grace.

One: Jesus calls us to forgive because we were not made to be chained to our pain.

All: May we discover the freedom that forgiveness can bring.

One: Come, let us open our hearts to the Spirit of mercy and learn again the way of grace and forgiveness.

Opening Hymn: "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" (VU 635)

Opening Prayer

All: Merciful God, you know the hurts we carry, the words we cannot forget, the people and stories that still take up space in our hearts. Remind us again that forgiveness does not mean pretending the hurt didn't happen. It means refusing to allow yesterday to have the final word over our tomorrow. Help us to release what we can and place in your hands what we cannot yet let go of. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ candle by our Light Bearers

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.**

Special Summer Music

GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Judy White.

Prayer of Illumination

One: Spirit of life, as we listen to your Word today, quiet our minds and soften our hearts. Help us to listen for what your Spirit is saying to us. Open our hearts to the freedom forgiveness can bring. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

(Forgiveness is seldom a one and done; it's a process, it could take weeks even years. But it's always a gift that we give to ourselves.)

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "The Lease is Up"

Brief Musical Reflection

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

Offering Invitation

One: Giver of life, as you have been generous to us, help us become generous with one another. May our lives and our giving reflect the boundless love of Jesus. Let us give with grateful hearts.

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: **Holy one, thank you for your love that meets us where we are and for the forgiveness that sets us free. Receive these gifts we offer today. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, healing where there is hurt and welcome where there are people who feel alone. 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

One: Friends, the lease is up! It's time to stop renting space in our hearts to anger and resentment. Life is too short. It's time to make room for grace. So, let's stand together and sing our way back into new life!

Closing Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
(VU 575)

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 Hosts today, Kim Fairhall, Ruth Fox and Laura Speelman.



Thought for the Week!

"Forgiveness means refusing to allow the pain of yesterday to have the final word over our tomorrow."

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**All are
Welcome**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank.

September is Granola Bars and Juice Boxes!

They are also in need of empty 12 and 18 size egg boxes and reusable grocery bags. These can be left in the basket opposite Trinity Hall. Thank you!



Trinity's Financial position to the end of August 2026

Income	\$192,496
Expenses	\$196,578
Net Income	-\$4,081

Our Net Income is \$14,095 better than last year
Primarily due to a large increase in rental income.
Expenses are actually below budget.

The New Air Conditioning Units

Some people have been wondering where the funds came from for the new Air conditioning units that have been installed in the Sanctuary. These funds came from the Trinity Trustees account which in turn comes from funds left as legacy giving from many members over the years and funds left in memory of Trinity members. The Trustees are planning to put out some information shortly on how you can leave a legacy gift to Trinity.

Will Gibson
Chair of Trustees

UCW meeting – Tuesday September 15 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

Men of Trinity – Wednesday September 16 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room.



The Communication & Technology Team Needs You!

We are looking for someone to look after the business cards on our Trinity website. Volunteering for this position won't take much of your time and you can do it from home.

Please touch base with Lynda Arnold (mlarnold@vianet.ca) or MaryAnne Mitchell (maryanne.e.mitchel@gmail.com) if you can help out. Thank you for considering this!

Sunday Coffee Hours! The Coffee Hour fall schedule for hosting still has openings for Thanksgiving Sunday and November and December! Please let Lynda Arnold or Suzy know what Sunday you would like to 'host'! Any bills for your expenses to host can be submitted to the office or Hospitality Team Lead, Barb Dalziel, for reimbursement. Special thank you to all who offer to provide this fellowship time!

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!

Welcome Fall at Camp Big Canoe!

Let's gather together and welcome the new fall season with an afternoon spent enjoying the beauty of God's creation and one another!

On Wednesday September 16, we will head to Camp Big Canoe for an easy-going afternoon of nature, conversation and fun. There will be an opportunity for a canoe ride, a hike and time around a campfire, a wonderful chance to reconnect after the summer and begin our fall season together. Go at your own speed! A big thanks to Ian McTavish for being our social director for the afternoon.

Wednesday September 16 at 3:00 pm.

Rain date: September 17 at 3:00 pm.

We will meet at the church around 2:45 pm where we will receive directions for our adventure.

Come enjoy the beauty.

Come enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Come welcome fall with one another!

Please let Diane or Suzy know if you plan to join us for our Welcome Fall Social.

Autumn blessings,

Rev. Diane and our In Spirit Team



An Invitation to Experience the Divine

What if the sacred is closer than we imagine?

We walk our streets carrying loneliness, worry, longing and despair, often unaware of the deep well of Spirit within us. Yet we are made in the image of God. The Divine is not distant or waiting for us somewhere else. There is something holy within us, spiritual birthright that is already ours.

Jesus' spoke of the Kingdom of God as something not simply *out there*, but something we can discover within.

Our upcoming **Alternative Evening Worship Service on September 30 at 7:00 pm** is an invitation to slow down, become still, and awaken to that presence.

Through music, silence, meditation and reflection, we will create space to move beyond simply *thinking about* God and toward an experience of the Divine.

No pressure. No expectations. Just a quiet place to breathe, listen, become aware and perhaps remember something you have forgotten: **The Holy is already within you.**

Come and discover a different way of worshipping.

Come and be still.

Come and awaken.

Come and remember what is already there.

