



The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!
Sunday September 6, 2026



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Welcome To Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday September 6, 2026 - 10:00 am

Labour Day Weekend!

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

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."

Colossians 3

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 generous 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: Come, all who have worked hard this week.

All: **We come, carrying the work of our hands and our hearts.**

One: Come, all who are tired of keeping score of who has more, who has less and who deserves what.

All: **We come ready to see the world through God's eyes of grace.**

One: Come and remember that our worth is not measured by our productivity.

All: **We are beloved and we belong to our grand human family.**

One: Life is not always fair.

All: **But God always conspires for good. Let us celebrate a love whose generosity knows no limits.**

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

Opening Prayer

All: **Hospitable God, we come today with grateful hearts for the work that fills our lives. We give thanks for the work of our hands and minds, for the work that provides, creates, repairs, teaches, heals and serves. Remind us once again that we are more than what we do. More than what we earn. Help us to remember that life may not always be fair, but you work something good out of**

everything. May our work be shaped by love, our hands by compassion and our lives by your Spirit. In the name of Jesus who showed us a different way to live, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ candle by our Light Bearers

Time with our Light Bearers

(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.**

Special Summer Music

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

"Babies are bits of stardust blown from the hand of God."

Larry Barretto

Baptismal Hymn: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
(VU 444 - verses 1 and 2 only)

Presentation of Candidate for Baptism

Lynda Arnold - Chair of Trinity United Church Board of Directors.

Lynda: On behalf of our faith community, I now present to you baby Thomas for Baptism. We welcome him, his mom Natalie and his grandparents and Godparents Carol and Murray Mason.

(The family is now invited to come forward and stand at the baptismal font.)

(The baptismal candle is now lit.)

One: This candle reminds us once again that in our Baptism we are celebrating God's light and love, a love that has surrounded us since the beginning of time.

Promises of Faith

The Promises of Thomas' Godparents

The Congregational Commitment

(The congregation is invited to please stand in body or in spirit.)

Congregational Affirmation of Faith

One: Let us affirm our faith together as we repeat our Prayer of Affirmation.

All: **We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

We believe in God: who has created and is creating.

**Who has come in Jesus the word made flesh,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of the Water

One: The birth of a baby is both a humbling and a joyous life experience. It truly is a miracle of wonder! We join our hearts today in thanks for this precious gift of new life and seek God's blessing on his growth and well being today and throughout the rest of his life. Let us pray:

Blessing of the Water

All: **Loving God,
we give you thanks for the gift of water,
water that gives life,
water that cleanses and refreshes,
water that reminds us of your ever-flowing love.
Bless this water that we will use today.
May it be for Thomas a sign of your presence,
your grace, and your promise to walk with him
throughout his life. Bless this precious child.
May he grow in love, in wonder, in kindness and in
courage, always knowing that he is God's beloved child.
Amen.**

The Pouring of the Baptism Water

Grandfather, Murray Mason

One: As the water is poured into the Baptismal Font may it represent the love of God always flowing within us, around us and most importantly through us onto others.

The Pouring of the Water into the Baptismal Font

The Celebration of Baptism

One: Let us pray:

All: **Holy One, bless this newest member of your family.
May Thomas enjoy the blessings of a long and abundant
life. Bless Natalie's family and may they continue to enjoy
Thomas and the wonderful gifts he will continue bringing
to their lives. Amen.**

The Presentation of the Baptismal Candle to the family

Representing our Worship Team, Shelia Petch.

One: May the light of Christ continue to shine upon you this day and forever more.

One: Will you please stand as we welcome our newest member to Christ's family! Welcome in friendship, faith and welcome in love!

Hymn: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (VU 444 - last two verses as the family walks Thomas down the aisle.)

*And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said,
speak to us of Children.*

And he said:

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself.

*They come through you but not from you,
and though they are with you yet they belong not to you.*

*You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
for they have their own thoughts.*

*You may house their bodies but not their souls,
for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.*

You may strive to be like them,

*but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might that His arrows
may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
for even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.*

From The Prophet. Kahlil Gibran
1883 –1931

GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Sheila Petch.

Prayer of Illumination

One: Divine love, take these ancient words and make them living words for us today. As we hear your Word this morning, open our hearts to a wisdom that is different from the wisdom of the world.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16

(God's economy is ultimately about more than productivity, competition and getting what we think we deserve. This story challenges us to consider the meaning of unmerited grace and generosity.)

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message:

"Life isn't always fair, but God is good."

Brief Musical Reflection

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" (VU 266)

(God's currency is grace.)

Offering Invitation

One: We live in a world that keeps careful accounts. But God's currency is different. God's currency is generosity. It is love. Let us give generously, joyfully and with grateful hearts.

Your 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: **Generous God, you have given us so much, more than we sometimes remember to be grateful for. Receive these gifts we offer today. May they be a sign to our community that love is still at work in the world. Teach us to live by the currency of your kingdom, looking for love where love is needed and where we can make a difference. May our lives bear witness to that goodness. 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: "When I Needed a Neighbour" (VU 600)

(What kind of life will we choose to live? Which currency will you use? The world's currency or love's currency?)

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.

Thanks to our Coffee Hosts today, Judy White and Lynda Arnold.



Thought for the Week!

*"Work isn't merely what we do for a living;
it can be one of the ways we participate in the ongoing
work of bringing heaven here on earth."*

Adapted Sister Joan Chittister

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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! They 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

FundScrip orders are due today!

Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas and gifts and in doing so, Trinity benefits. Fundraising remains a vital part of Trinity's budget. Thank you for your support! ***Order forms and instructions can***



be found on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall or from Gord Mitchell.



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 is now available in Trinity Hall following today's service for you to pick your date! 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.

