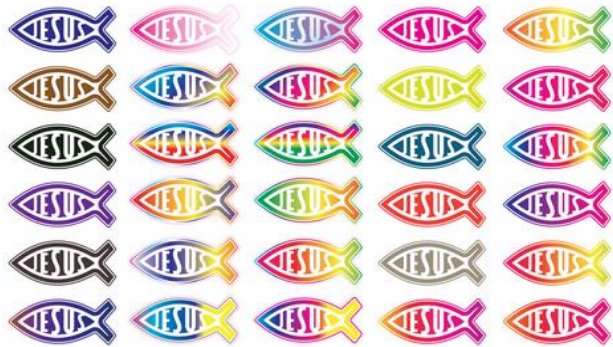


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~ The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville ~

Sunday January 22nd, 2023 – 10 am

“Men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.”

Henry David Thoreau

... **Bold** is read by everyone ...

We Gather as God’s People

Musical Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

Greeting: Jesus said: *“I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly.”*

All: **In our lives, may this be so.**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s overflowing and inclusive Love!

*“Loving Hearts. Open Minds. Helping Hands.”
Come in and grow your souls with us!*

We gather every week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts and to aspire to be better humans in order to build a better world for ALL God’s people. If you’re visiting or shopping around for a new spiritual home- we are glad you’re here with us. May this service be a blessing to you and may you be a blessing to others this coming week.

Introit: “Find a Home Here” (just the refrain)

**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)**

This Week's Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the candle this morning may it remind us of Christ's presence with us today and everyday.

Moment of Meditation

Let's take a quiet moment now and prepare our hearts to celebrate God's presence together...

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: Jesus calls: "Follow me!"

All: **We will follow Jesus.**

One: Jesus calls: "Follow me!"

All: **We will leave the past to follow him.**

One: Jesus calls: "Follow me!"

All: **We will walk in the here and now to follow Jesus.**

One: Jesus calls: "Follow me!"

All: **We will leave the darkness behind and follow Jesus.**

Opening Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me?" (VU 567)

Opening Prayer

God of Love, we hear your call to follow. Yet, we so easily get distracted and lose our way. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us; our unwillingness to forgive and our reluctance to share what we have and our quarrels and resentments. Forgive us God. Turn our sight outward to see the good in others and to see the need in others. Turn our hearts toward You and give us the wisdom to walk in Jesus Way. Amen.

Light Beamers song: "Come Learn about God's Love"

(tune of Farmer in the Dell)

**Come learn about God's Love,
Come learn about God's Love,
Every day in every way,
Come learn about God's Love.**

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 to share this love with others at home, at school and in their communities.

Congregational Blessing

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem: "I will follow Him"

We Listen for God's Life-Giving Word

Today's Scripture reader is Jeannette McCullough

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Let us pray: God of new beginnings, may these words of ancient scripture show us how-to walk-in faith and how to act with kindness in our every day lives.

New Testament Reading Matthew 4: 18-23

(Jesus begins his ministry and calls several local fishermen to come and be part of his ministry team.)

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

All: **Amen.**

Minister's Message: *"Do you hear Jesus' call?"*

We Respond to God's Life-Giving Word

Offering Invitation

Beside the lakeshore, long ago, Jesus called to his disciples:

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."

Jesus is calling us today. Let us give with joy as we continue to follow Jesus in our everyday lives.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn (tune of Edelweiss)

**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

**God, out of our own blessings we return a portion of our gifts to you. Bless them and use them for the good of your people everywhere. Having heard your call, we offer you our willingness to get our lives back on the right path and to follow Jesus and his teachings.
Amen.**

Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (VU 400)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

An Alternate version of the Prayer of Jesus

**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 endure, 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.**

(We will return to the traditional version. We are simply trying on other versions of this prayer to see if they resonate with others. Thank you for keeping your hearts and minds open.)

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
(VU 563)

Commissioning

May we go forth from here today feeling blessed and refreshed.

May you hear Jesus' words anew: *"Come and follow me"*.

Benediction

May the vision of God's all-inclusive love encourage you.
May the life of Jesus show you how to live.
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and peace,
This day and forever more.
Amen.

Musical Postlude: Kyung-A Lee



*Come and be part of our growing spiritual community!
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"The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!"*

Spiritual Thought to go



*"Feed a man a fish you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."*

Chinese proverb

Announcements and other 'Stuff'!

"Reducing Stress with Mindfulness" – The YWCA is running a 10 week in-person workshop every Wednesday starting February 15th, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm downstairs in the Milligan Room. Cost: Pay what you can. To register: www.ywcamuskoka.com or 705-645-9827. All are welcome!

Pop-Up Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic. Wednesday January 25th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm held in Trinity Hall. See Notice Board for full details.

A flyer for a Ukrainian dinner event. The flyer has a white background with yellow and blue horizontal bars at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: "UKRAINE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT" in large, bold, black letters. To the right of "UKRAINE" is a circular graphic with the words "PEACE PLEASE" around it. Below this is a small yellow and blue heart icon. The text continues: "TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN DINNER", "Cheese Pierogies, Sausage, Cabbage Rolls, Dessert, Tea & Coffee", "Trinity United Church, Huntsville", "Friday, February 3rd, 5:30-7:30 PM", "Pay at the door - \$20 per person", "Please call: 705-789-5660", and "All proceeds and donations donated to Ukrainian/Canadian Foundation".

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Trinity United Church Congregation

Thank you for the Christmas stocking, I received, with many nice enclosures.

I enjoyed taking part in congregational activities when I was able. I have always felt that the location of the Church, and the willingness of the members to serve the congregation, as well as the community was invaluable to the Town of Huntsville.

Best wishes to all.

Irene Green

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