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~ The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville ~
Sunday, November 20th, 2022 - 10 am

“Reign in our hearts, O God and shape us as your people.”

... **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 welcoming and healing rest!

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/Sads and Glads

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Today, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, may we truly feel the power and the presence of Jesus in our everyday lives. May we, as people of the light, allow love and justice to rule our hearts.

Moment of Meditation

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: We gather in community today to proclaim the Reign of Christ or Christ's Way.

All: **We gather to proclaim in the midst of selfishness- we offer generosity.**

One: We gather to proclaim where poverty reigns- we offer sharing.

All: **We gather to proclaim in the midst of prejudice- we offer acceptance.**

One: We gather to proclaim when guilt drags people down- we offer forgiveness.

All: **We gather to proclaim in the midst of suffering and loss- we offer a ray of hope and healing peace.**

One: In our world of tangled values and siren calls from our consuming society, Spirit leads us in another way- Jesus' Way.

All: **We open our hearts to this Way of wholeness and peace for all humanity. We have a story to tell- a story of love. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "One Body in Christ"

Chorus

**One body in Christ
called to share the Good News with the world.
Each of us gifted,
made in God's image,
we have a story to tell,
a story of love.**

**We have been baptized in Christ,
the love of our God
poured into our hearts.
Called to share the mission of Christ,
the spirit of God alive in our hearts;
to be a light of welcome
in the darkness of exclusion,
an outstretched hand of love to everyone.**

Chorus

**To give voice to the voiceless,
the unheard in the wilderness,
an outstretched hand of love to everyone.**

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Opening Prayer

Welcoming God, in this time, we open ourselves to you- to your word, your wisdom and your challenge. You challenge us to allow love and not fear and judgment to rule our hearts.

Forgive us when we allow our own agendas and not yours to be in charge. Spirit of Life, grab hold of us with your powerful love so once again we can be the kind of people you would have us to be- compassionate, kind-hearted and generous. Draw us closer to each other and to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

“Let the children come to me and do not stop them for the reign of God belongs to such as these” Mark 10: 14

Happy Children's Sunday!

Time with our Light Beamers

(Each week our young people are taught about the teachings and the life of Jesus- his love and his compassion for all God's people. May God continue to walk with them on their spiritual journey within our faith community. And may we also be a light for them.)

Congregational Blessing

“May the peace of Christ be with you”.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem: In honour of Children's Sunday Aussa Penniall, as Mary Poppins, singing a “Spoonful of Sugar”.

We Listen for God's Word

Today's Scripture reader is Nancy Waxl.

Prayer of Illumination

Nancy: Let us pray: Our God still speaks to us today through other people, through music and song, through biblical stories inviting us into wholeness, renewal and new life. May God's word speak to our hearts today.

New Testament Scripture Reading: Colossians 1: 9-19

(In this letter written by Paul to the Colossians, he is thanking the people for their faithfulness to God and for loving the things God loves. Christ is the visible image of our invisible God. In Christ, we have been transferred from the realm of darkness into the realm of God's light and love.)

Minister's Message: “*King of Hearts*”

Brief musical reflection

Offering Invitation

We are called to be Christ's church.

We are called to love one another.

Part of living in Christ's Way means learning to be generous of heart and spirit. It means sharing our blessings with others.

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, we offer to you these gifts for your work and
ministry in the world. But, more importantly, we offer
ourselves so that your Spirit can live in us and through
us. Accept us and our offering- and may they both
make this world a better place to live. 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 it resonates
with others. Thank you for keeping your hearts and minds
open.)*

Closing Hymn: “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”
(VU 245)

Irish Benediction

May the warm rays of God’s love
touch your heart;
May the gentleness of the Spirit
blow through your life;
and may the softness of grace
soak deep into your soul-
today and always. Amen

Sung Blessing “We are One” (VU 402 - last verse only)

**We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there’s a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God’s ways
as we move together from this place.**

Musical Postlude: Kyung-A Lee



"Loving Hearts. Open Minds. Helping Hands."

Come in and grow your souls with us!
Come and be part of our growing spiritual community!
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Spiritual Thought to go

"We, who call ourselves followers of Jesus, are called to share his mission- a mission of love."

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Next week is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the church. November 27th is the beginning of the season of Advent.



We will be lighting the candle of hope in our Advent wreath,
The Rev. Dr. Peter Wyatt will be presiding.

Rev. Diane is back the following
Sunday December 4th, 2022

Announcements and other 'Stuff'!



Outreach Committee - needs your loving help!

This November, we are collecting **hats, mitts and socks** to help those who are in need in our community. You can help by bringing these items Trinity Hall before or after church service or dropping them off in the office. Donations are given to several organizations.

Outreach Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 1:00 pm in the Hearth Room.

Happy Hour with a Twist is cancelled for November 24th. It may return in the New Year at a new time.

Frosty Fair on Saturday, December 3rd!

The UCW are holding a Frosty Fair Luncheon which consists of quiche, salad and dessert. There will be quiche with meat, vegetarian and gluten free quiches. There will be two sittings – first at 12:00 pm and second at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each and a **LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AND MUST BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME** so that the cooks know how many quiches to make. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased some Sundays after church and from Suzy in the office.



Frosty Fair Gift Basket!

We are collecting crafts, knitting and homemade food treats to put in a gift basket and tickets will be sold at the Frosty Fair. The draw will take place in Trinity Hall after Church on Sunday, December 4th which will give Trinity members a chance to buy tickets. If you would like to contribute one of your homemade treasures, please leave it in the office or bring it to Trinity, attention Linda Martin. Heartfelt thanks!



Tour of Muskoka Christmas Lights!

This school bus tour will last up to three hours and start and end at Trinity United Church. The cost per person, must be 19 years or older, is \$20. A minimum of 18 people is required.

Date: Tuesday December 20th. Time: 5:30 pm.

Please contact Elsie Corrigan at 705-788-7690 or email: elsie@cogeco.ca, if interested. The deadline for booking is Wednesday December 14th!



White Gift Sunday!

Again, with your faithful support, we are hoping to ease the stress of Christmas for families in need. We have found that it is more helpful if gift cards were given. **If gifts cards are used, these can be purchased through our FundScrip program. Orders must be placed by Sunday December 4th.** If ordering your White Gift cards through our FundScrip program, please let Suzy know as a tax receipt can be issued. **Thank you for your goodwill and generosity!**

What is White Gift Service all about anyway?

Well, it actually has its roots in a small Methodist church in Ohio in 1904. The wife of a Methodist minister and her two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need. Gifts are all wrapped in white so they will be anonymous. **The focus is on the giving**~ everyone would share in the joy of giving to others no matter the cost of the gift given. All gifts, modest or more expensive wrapped in white paper would be graciously accepted for those who were in need. This focus on the love of the giver and not on the value of the gift has grown into today's white gift services in many United Churches right across the country.

This year Trinity United Church is observing White Gift Sunday on December 11th~ our third Sunday in Advent~ when we light our candle of joy in our Advent wreath. Please bring a gift if you are able wrapped in white paper or a white bag and the gifts will be distributed by our Outreach Team before Christmas to our local agencies to those needing them with the onset of the colder weather. **This year winter hats, gloves, and warm socks for children and adults alike will all be joyfully received.** You can place them on the table that will be set up in the sanctuary when you come in.

Please bring a nice gift~ new or gently used~ gifts that you would like to find under the tree. If you wouldn't wear it perhaps this is not the best gift to bring in for our White Gift service. **Gift cards from Fundscrip** are also greatly appreciated. You could pop one in a white envelope.



This Christmas Appeal is one way we can show God's love and our caring commitment to the people in our local community. As followers of Jesus we are called to look after our neighbour and our neighbour is anybody in need. Thank you for being the heart of Christ and a beacon of light to others this time of year. Miracles happen when we share our simple gifts with others.

Blessings, Rev. D



December 21st, Wednesday 7 pm
~ "Hope for Holidays" Service ~



December 24th, Saturday 7 pm
~ Candlelight and Carols Christmas Eve Service ~