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~ The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville ~

Sunday, November 13th, 2022 - 10 am

“Just be. Let your soul and body be refreshed and strengthened for the mission of love for which we are all called.”

... **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

Our candles remind us that the wick of God, of Love, is placed in each of our hearts. We are all mini holy candles called to shine forth God's love and light freely and extravagantly into our broken world.

Moment of Meditation

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: We gather in conversation, prayer and song to celebrate the love of God who welcomes us.

All: **We come to be blessed and refreshed.**

One: We await the touch of God's Spirit flowing through us renewing and healing us.

All: **Move us toward the quiet pool of solitude inside of us where we can be more attentive to your love.**

One: Silent One, as we move within our daily tasks, clothe us with your peace-filled rest and stillness. Slow us down when we want to speed up.

All: **Anchor us in your quietness and in your love. May our spirits be quiet enough to welcome you fully.**

Opening Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"
(VU 374)

Opening Prayer

Spirit of God, we acknowledge your presence as we acknowledge the air we breathe. We give you thanks for calling us from our cozy cots so we can join our church family here in person and online. Our days are consumed by activity as we rush from place to place and meeting to meeting. Our society is always on. But here we can gratefully stop and sink into your Holy presence. We long for rest from our work and busy lives. We hunger for your Sabbath. Empower us to take back what is truly ours; your divine gift of rest and restoration for our weary bodies and souls. Amen.

Time with our Light Bearers

Congregational Blessing

"May the peace of Christ be with you".

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem: "Lean on Me"

We Listen for God's Word

Today's Scripture reader is Shirley Boon

Prayer of Illumination

Shirley: 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.

First Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2: 13

(Even God took a day off. Why do we sometimes have so much trouble with this?)

Second Old Testament Reading: Exodus: 20: 8-11
(*Rest and relaxation are gifts to be received not a duty to be upheld.*)

Reader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet.
All: **And a light to our path.**

Minister's Message: "*It's time to take back the Sabbath*"

Offering Invitation

We are called to be Christ's church.
We are called to love one another.
We are called to share what blessings we have 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 this 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: "In You There is a Refuge" (MV 84)

Commissioning

"In the Spirit of love we have gathered... in the Spirit of love let us depart and may we leave this place blessed and refreshed."

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

“God you are the grand quiltmaker, piecing our individual stories together, binding our threads to one another and connecting us all into a vessel of peace and comfort in the midst of an ever-changing world.”

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Announcements and other ‘Stuff!’

Trinity Financial Update

As we approach the end of the year here is a financial snapshot.

Income to the end of October = \$166,867

Expenses = \$185,827

Net Income = ~\$18,959



Please give prayerful consideration to your givings, and to the work of Trinity United Church in the coming month. Thank you.

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.



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.



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

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 November 6th and/or 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



COMING TO TRINITY UNITED soon!!

November 20th, Children's Sunday 10 am
Mary Poppins visits Trinity's Sunday Service
~ Spoonful of sugar ~
Aussa Penniall as Mary Poppins.

POSTPONED!! - November 25th, Friday 7 pm
"Celebration of Music"

Due to the clash with the Huntsville Santa Claus Parade, it has been decided to postpone this concert until Spring 2023.

December 18th, Sunday Service 10 am
"Candlelight Carol" by Joseph M. Martin
Performed by Trinity's Choir

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

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

