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The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Sunday, September 18th, 2022 - 10 am

“As long as you live, keep learning how to live.” Seneca

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

We Gather as God’s People

Musical Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

Greeting: One: 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 all inclusive and transforming love!

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. We strive to be a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led community extending our love and blessings to all we meet.

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/Thankyou's

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light our Christ candle both here and at home today, may its flame remind us that we are all God's beloved sons and daughters trying to live into our best lives. We are, like holy candles, called to shine our inner healing light into all the dark places in our world.

A Quiet Moment

Let's take a quiet moment to settle our hearts and ready ourselves to celebrate God's wisdom and light.
God is as new to us as every breathe we take.

Call to Celebrate God's Presence and Prayer of Approach

One: We live in a society that is slowly coming back to life. A sense of normalcy is returning in our schools, fall activities and communities.

All: We gather each week to feel God's presence and to seek God's guidance in our lives.

One: We gather seeking wisdom so we may walk in God's way.

All: We gather seeking hope for a broken and shadowed world.

One: Come let us celebrate God's presence together!

Opening Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts"
(MV 12 - verses 1,2,3 and 4)

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we confess sometimes we get caught up in the busyness of life. We run here and there until we are tired and discouraged. We neglect to take time to nurture our spiritual selves. We know we can and should do better. Renew our hearts and put a right spirit within us. Help us to be more mindful and to walk more intentionally in the spiritual footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

Time with our Light Beamers.

Anthem

We Listen for God's Word

Today's scripture reader is Jeannette McCullough.

Prayer of Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading Exodus 34: 29-35
(Moses was transformed on Mount Sinai after spending a total of 40 days with God. His makeover was so remarkable, the Israelites were afraid to come near him.)

Reader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet.

All: And a light to our path.

New Testament Reading: Luke 15: 11-20

(This story illustrates how people can indeed change when they make a decision to do so and take responsibility for their lives.)

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

All: **Amen**

Minister's Message: Today we are starting up a new fall series called: **It's Reno Time - Time for a Spiritual Makeover!**

Hope you can join us as we grow our hearts and strive to become the best version of ourselves and live into our fullest potential. In turn, making this world a better place for all God's people.

Today's message: ***"It all starts with you!"***

Brief musical reflection

Offering Invitation

Our offering is both support for our own church ministries and a symbol of our response to God's generosity and blessings in our own lives. If you are enjoying these services beaming into the comfort of your home, please remember us in your prayers and donations so we can continue with this vital outreach ministry. Remember we are blessed to **be** a blessing!

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

(As Covid continues to recede we are reintroducing the Sunday ritual of passing around the collection plate. If you give by PAR or e-Transfer, simply pass the plate to your neighbour with an offering of a morning smile.)

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

Spirit of Life, place your hand upon these gifts so they may bring renewal and healing to those people and places that need it most. May these monetary gifts and the gifts of our time and our talent that don't end up in the plate, be signs of your compassion in our hurting world. Amen.

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Commissioning

In the Spirit of love we have gathered
now in the Spirit of love let us depart.

Irish Benediction

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

Closing Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (VU 371)

Sung Blessing: "We Are One" (VU 402 - *last verse only*)

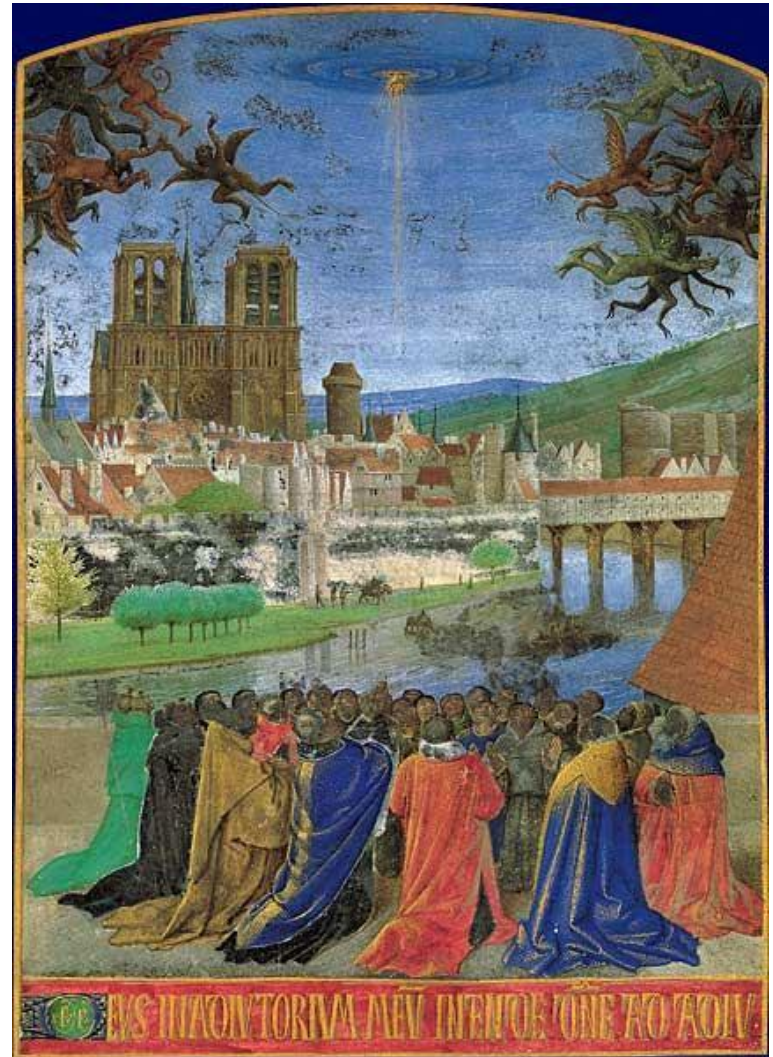
**We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite,
In the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love we are loved,
And we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

Musical Postlude: Kyung-A Lee



Something to think about this coming week ...

"Spiritual Makeovers take place in the heart."



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Announcements and other 'Stuff'!

Coffee Hour will follow in Trinity Hall.

Remember to send your **summer fun photos** to Alastair for our "official" Welcome Back to church service next week.
Deadline Thursday September 22nd.

Don't forget to bring two or three ounces of water from one of your special places and tell us why this water is meaningful to you.

Come and invite a friend! As they say, the more the merrier!

A hot dog lunch will follow our official "Back to Church" Sunday, September 25th!
And browse in Trinity Hall the work of Trinity's Teams while enjoying special treats from their table!

What's Cooking?




Starting Saturday, October 1st for four Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to noon in Trinity's kitchen.
Come and see some delicious basic cooking and baking demonstrations by our own in-house chefs and take home the recipe and tips. \$5 per person per Saturday. Give Gord Mitchell (705-571-4096) a call for more details. The line-up for October is:

- 1st Sally McClelland – Pecan Pie / Doug Hicks – Key Lime Pie
- 8th Keira Brisebois and Grampa – it's a surprise!
- 15th Sonny Allinson – Stew
- 22nd Nancy Waxl – Bread making

You are invited to attend a ***Celebration of Hermann Waxl's Life*** which will be held on Saturday, September 24th at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

The service will be led by Reverend Diane Knowles and a reception will follow in Trinity Hall.

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Raise A Hallelujah!
~ an Ecumenical Hymn Service ~
with Trinity's choir participating,
held at St. Mary's Church,
Sunday, September 25th 2022,
beginning at 7:00 pm.
Everyone is welcome!

Admission is a non-perishable food item, along with a good-will offering during the evening.
The food and proceeds will go to The Table, the non-denominational food bank here in town.
Come out, bring a friend and your singing voice.
Get your ticket for a seat from Maurice McGill!