

A top-down view of a white ceramic bowl filled with a vibrant chickpea salad. The salad consists of chickpeas, halved cherry tomatoes, and fresh green leafy vegetables like spinach and dill. A wooden spoon is visible on the right side of the bowl. The bowl is placed on a light-colored, textured fabric surface.

A chickpea leaps almost over the rim of the
pot where it's being boiled.

‘Why are you doing this to me?’

The cook knocks him down with the ladle.

‘Don't you try to jump out.
You think I'm torturing you.
I'm giving you flavour,
so you can mix with spices and rice
and be the lovely vitality of a human being.

Remember when you drank rain
in the garden.
That was for this.’

~ From “Chickpea to Cook,”
a poem by Rumi
(Translated by Coleman Barks)

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 23, 2019

* indicates to please stand as you are able

Bold Print indicates a group response

VU = Voices United Hymnbook (Red cover)

MV = More Voices Hymnbook (Spiral Bound)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Alleviation of suffering is good, but it is not the Ultimate Good. From time to time, a person finds themselves better off because of tragedy.” ~ Hippocrates, 5th century BCE.

PRELUDE: “Allegro Non Troppo” -Felix Mendelssohn
Viola-Don Clysdale

WE APPROACH GOD

***OPENING HYMN:** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”
(VU 374)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute Person: John Roberts

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Rearranged from Romans 5:1-5*)

Our suffering produces endurance;

Moreover, we are justified by faith!

Our endurance produces character;

Moreover, Jesus gives us grace!

Our character produces hope;

Moreover, our hope does not disappoint us!

Let's share together in the glory of God.

INTROIT: “Deep in Our Hearts” -R. Klusmeier & J. Oldham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Today's scripture reading speaks honestly about suffering. In our prayer of confession this morning, we hold our suffering up

to God. We also hold up the ways in which we cause and worsen suffering. Let's pray:

God of mercy,

We hold the suffering up to you.

Our own suffering, the suffering of others, the suffering of your created world.

May we find ways to mend our world, with you.

May our suffering not be in vain.

(...A moment of silence for personal confession...)

Our hope, our faith, and Christ's promise of glory is greater than the suffering. Accept your forgiveness. Persevere in your hope.

God's love will overflow your heart. Amen.

♪SUNG RESPONSE:

(VU 381)

Spirit of life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand; giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STORY

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 42-43

(VU 768, refr.1)

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5: 1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

***♪HYMN:** "Come to My Heart"

(VU 661)

MEDITATION: "Sufferin' Chickpeas"

***♪HYMN:** "Be Still My Soul"

(VU 652)

WE CELEBRATE THE STORY

♫ OFFERING ANTHEM: “Andante Con Moto”
-F. Mendelssohn

***♫ PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:** (MV 191)
What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (including The Lord’s Prayer)

WE GO OUT TO LIVE THE STORY

***♫ HYMN:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” (VU 232)

BLESSING

***♫ CHORAL ENDING:** (VU 424)
May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new,
Faithful when we here Christ’s call.

POSTLUDE: “O Great is The Depth” –F. Mendelssohn
Chorus From “St. Paul”

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OUR LEADER TODAY IS:

Don Clysdale

OUR USHERS TODAY ARE:

Cassie Bott-Baxter, Kirsti Jokela, Maurice Laporte

OUR LIFT OPERATOR TODAY IS:

Doug Bott-Baxter

Trinity United Church gathers on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe peoples of Nipissing First Nations. We acknowledge with respect their history, their spiritual practices and their stewardship of this land.

THANK YOU

Diane, Bob, and Sarah would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, and cards following the loss of Diane's Dad, Ken Morris on May 10th in England.

EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS AT TRINITY

- In case of an emergency at Trinity, please know the location of your closest exit door—two at the front, two at the back. We are NOT allowed to use the elevator in Ushers, Teachers, are trained to assist you (and the children) downstairs and outside to our emergency gathering location: The Capitol Centre Parking Lot.

WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation following the service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR CHURCH?

DID YOU KNOW!

- Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- You can dedicate a bulletin in memory of a loved one, in celebration of child, grandchild or friend. The cost is \$25.00. The proceeds go towards the cost of the bulletin. See Wanda or call the office for more information.
- If you or someone you love would appreciate a visit from a Trinity friend or minister, please let us know via the office (705-474-3310) or a note in the offering plate.

THE SHADFLIES ARE COMING! Imagine the looks you'll get when you shop during shadfly season with a reusable shadfly tote bag. These gorgeous bags are FREE for Trinity members who join or increase PAR. Help Trinity make it financially through summer, and your friends make it through shadfly season, with a smile. Only 5 black and 9 yellow bags left! So run downstairs after church and get yours from Karen, Wes or Barb today.

TRINITY'S FOOD SHELF: Monday Mornings 9:30-11:00

While you are shopping if you could buy one extra item for those in need. Thank you for supporting this important outreach ministry.

TRINITY'S BOARD will meet on Tuesday, June 25th in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm.

AOTS GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER- The next Gift Card orders are, July 7th, July 21st and September 8th.

Your continuing support for this AOTS youth program is greatly appreciated. For further information please contact Ed Rose at 705-476-5316.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you or someone you know need prayers? Trinity has a caring group of people who will faithfully hold your requests in prayer. If you would like to request prayers, please email or contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com or call the church at (705)474-3310. You can provide as little or as much information as you want – God knows our hearts!

USHERS - if you are interested in being an usher, we'd love to put you to work. Please talk to Bonnie-Rae Bailey (705-478-7208) or see the sign up sheet by the coffee pot. Immediate need for 2 ushers June 30th as well as a few individual spots in July. This is a wonderful opportunity to say hello to old friends and make new friends.

FROM THE LIBRARY: Sharon Liddell is looking for old National Geographic magazines for the jail. If you can help, please bring to church library or call 705-495-4546 for pickup

Friends of Ryan Rozicki and Kelly Miles are invited to attend their pot luck Wedding Reception on July 6th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dancing to follow! Come with your best moves and the recipe for your contribution so we can enjoy it for years to come! Share any photos of the day to #kellyandryanbigday Please RSVP to kellymiles128@gmail.com with your pot luck contribution and number attending.

October Book Study: "White Fragility"

North Bay & area United Church Mission Cluster will host a 5wk book study in October 2019 on "**WHITE FRAGILITY: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism.**" The author Di Angelo encourages White people to look closely at our inherent racism, resulting from our formation in a racist society, encouraging us to create societal change with new ways of engaging. Each meeting will be 2 hrs in length. Once we know who is interested, we'll survey to determine day of week, time of day and location. Book approx. \$20. If this cost is prohibitive, a book will be provided. **Contact Kathie by July 1** to indicate your interest: kgssmith7@gmail.com or 705-753-4954

DATES AT-A-GLANCE

"Peace is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life" by Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh Wednesday mornings at St Andrews (Use McIntyre St. entrance) June 26 to July 17 – 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. to pre-register call Tim Robertson at 705 497 1227 or e-mail timothyrobertson@hotmail.com

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