

A photograph of a dilapidated, abandoned room. The ceiling is ornate with a chandelier hanging from it. The walls are peeling and the floor is covered in debris. The lighting is dim, creating a somber atmosphere.

Good Bones

Life is short, though I keep this from my children.

Life is short, and I've shortened mine in a thousand delicious, ill-advised ways, a thousand deliciously ill-advised ways I'll keep from my children.

The world is at least fifty percent terrible, and that's a conservative estimate, though I keep this from my children. For every bird there is a stone thrown at a bird. For every loved child, a child broken, bagged, sunk in a lake. Life is short and the world is at least half terrible, and for every kind stranger, there is one who would break you, though I keep this from my children. I am trying to sell them the world. Any decent realtor, walking you through a real shithole, chirps on about good bones: This place could be beautiful, right? You could make this place beautiful.

~ Maggie Smith

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
 January 19, 2020

Today's bulletin is dedicated by Earle & Nancy Freeborn in celebration of Earle's sister, Shirley Tayler's 33 active years as a member of Trinity United Church in North Bay.

* 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

"You have been waiting for God, Jesus said, while God has been waiting for you. No wonder nothing is happening. You want God's intervention, he said, while God wants your collaboration. God's kingdom is here, but only insofar as you accept it, enter it, live it, and thereby establish it."

~ John Dominic Crossan, from *The Power of Parable*

PRELUDE: "Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S.Bach

WE APPROACH GOD

***OPENING HYMN:** "Jesus You Have Truly Called Us"
 (D.C. Damon, arr. B.F. White, Tune VU 374)

Jesus, you have truly called us. Still, today, we hear your voice. Lead us onward, leads us upward, till all people can rejoice.

R. Meet us in our time of trial, fill us with your Spirit's power. As we stand before oppression, give us courage for this hour.

Jesus, save us from poor choices. Hatred, running like a thread through the fabric of our hist'ry, mars our faith and leaves us dead. **R**

Jesus, save us from our weakness, from deceit and from despair. Move us on to new creation in a world that's free and fair. **R**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Here at the start of the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," we'd better stop!

**Stop judging other people,
Stop insulting other traditions,
Stop prejudice in all its forms.**

Here at the start of the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," we'd better start!

**Start appreciating the differences,
Start giving the benefit of the doubt,
Join the Great Work of Loving this world, together!**

That's our job. Let's get to work!

♪**INTROIT:** "There Were Twelve Disciples"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Today we contemplate how Jesus called the first disciples. By extension, we also contemplate God's call to us, and to everyone. To respond to that call, we'd better put some things aside.

Jesus, you call us: "Come and see."

Forgive us our hesitance.

Forgive us when we are not whole-hearted.

Forgive our fear and partiality.

Grant us the courage, the vision, the hope—to follow you...
(A moment of silence for personal confession...)

“Come and see,” he says, “Come and see.” Follow that invitation, and experience the new places Jesus will bring you, the new hope that will live in you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

♪SUNG RESPONSE: (MV 2)
 Come all you people, come and praise your maker, (3x)
 come now and worship the Lord.

CHILDREN’S TIME “Green Eggs and Ham” (Dr. Seuss)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:29-42
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

***♪ HYMN:** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”
 (VU 378)

MEDITATION: “Make This Place Beautiful”

***♪ HYMN:** “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
 (VU 563)

WE CELEBRATE THE STORY

♪OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “We Are Called”
 D.Haas/M. Hayes

***♪PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** (VU 427)
 To show by touch and word, devotion to your name,
 To let our lives portray, your love always the same;
 Now be with us in the way we live
 Like Jesus in how we love and give.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (including the Lord's Prayer)

WE GO OUT TO LIVE THE STORY

*♫**CLOSING HYMN:** "Go, Make a Difference" (MV 209)

BLESSING

♫**CHORAL ENDING** (VU 639)

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:

**Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
Leap and sing in all I do,

keep me travelling along with you:

**Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

♫**POSTLUDE:** "Trumpet Tune" G.F. Handel

ON YOUR BULLETIN: "Good Bones" was written in one sitting by Maggie Smith in 2015. After the shocking 2016 Orlando Florida nightclub shooting, the poem was published and went viral on social media. *Public Radio International* soon declared it "the official poem of 2016." Late in that same year, the poet, Maggie Smith (a mother of two) told *The Washington Post*, "I can tell something bad is happening in the world when my poem is surging." She shared one of her favourite lines from another poem (this poem by Ada Limon): "You say you love the world, so: love the world." -- which sounds like good advice for every single human being!

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OUR LEADER TODAY IS:

Rod Carley

OUR CALL TO WORSHIP LEADER TODAY IS:

Erin Harrison

OUR USHERS TODAY ARE:

Don Bell, Gladys Banks-Bryer, & Shirley Myre

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE:

Sarah Cook, Sue Miller, Janice Brownlee

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.

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 the case of an emergency.
- Ushers and Teachers are trained to assist you (and the children) downstairs and outside to our emergency gathering location: The Capitol Centre Parking Lot.

THANK YOU for all the cards and notes that were sent to me during my recent illness, for Christmas greetings and Geneva’s delightful poem and a big thank you to everyone who visited me in the hospital it meant more than you can ever imagine. Hope to see you before too long.

Pam Somerville

CHURCH FAMILY IN HOSPITAL?

We want to support our Trinity members and friends. If you or someone you love would appreciate a visit in the hospital, please make it known! Due to a new hospital registration system and careful confidentiality rules, we often don't know when members of our Trinity family are patients. Please inform the Trinity office and/or Hospital chaplaincy if you'd like a visit from Trinity staff or volunteers.

WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING!

Plan to stay for coffee and conversation, following the morning worship service.

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.

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

As we settle into the colder times of the year we will continue to accept clean, warm clothes such as sweaters, jackets, socks and mitts.

TRINITY BOARD will meet January 21st at 7pm in Fireside room.

AOTS Gift Card Program order dates are February 2nd, March 1st, March 29th, April 19th. For further information and submit your orders contact Rob Brownlee

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!

For the season of Lent, Rev. Ted is hoping to use the work of some local photographers on our Sunday bulletins. The aim is to help us consider the idea of "Photography as Prayer." Any photographers who are willing to share their spiritual images with our church family are encouraged to share a couple images with Ted before January is through. Hopefully you're willing to share with him what makes the image(s) a spiritual touchstone for you!

THE NORTH BAY CHORAL SOCIETY presents Jukebox Rockin' Jive. Friday, January 31st 7pm & Sunday February 2nd 2pm. Chippewa Secondary School. \$15.00 adults.

TRINITY FAMILY RETREAT

Join us Saturday February 15th to Monday February 17th for a weekend of outdoor and indoor activities, family worship, fun and food. Cost is \$85 per adult or teen and \$50 per child (12 and under) - children under 3 are free. All activities, meals and accommodations are included. For more information and to register please contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com Registration forms can be found outside the main office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday January 25th, 5 – 6:30pm

- Trinity's Indian Dinner

Sunday January 26th, 10:30am

- Robbie Burns Sunday

Friday January 31st, 11 – 1

- UCW Luncheon

Sunday February 2nd, 1:30 pm

- Trinity Family Snowshoe afternoon 1:30pm
- Deadline for Annual Report Items

Wednesday February 5th – 6 – 7pm

- Mustard Seed Information Session