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\* 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 cover)

**“Thought for the Day”**

“Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us.”  
~ Gerald Manley Hopkins

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE PERSON:** Heather McKercher

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen—what a glorious day!

**Christ is risen, indeed. Our lives are forever changed!**

New life is all around us. Stop and experience the beauty.

**Where once there was death, now there is life!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!**

\*♪ **OPENING HYMN:** “Welcome, Happy Morning” (VU 161)

**EASTER SEASON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Loving God, we confess our many faults to you. We sin daily in small and large ways. Forgive us our wrongs, teach us to live righteous and humble lives. For the sake of your Son, the Risen One....  
(*A moment of prayerful silence*)

Sin and death do not have the last word. Be forgiven. Be open to growth, to peace, to the great abiding, divine love! Amen.

**♪ SUNG RESPONSE:** “Dance with the Spirit” (MV 156)  
 Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’  
 Walk\* with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
 Work and hope for new life a-bornin’,  
 Listen for the Spirit to show you the way!  
 (\* repeat with “Sing” instead of “Walk”)

**FAMILY STORY:** “The Boy Who Didn’t Believe in Spring?”  
 Author: Lucille Clifton    ill: Brinton Turkle

**♪ SUNG LORD’S PRAYER** (VU 959)

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S STORY

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 24:36b-48  
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God.**

\***♪ HYMN:** “You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen” (VU 185)

**MEDITATION:** “Jesus’ Witnesses”

**♪ ANTHEM:** “Sing an Alleluia!” -Dana Mengel

### WE CELEBRATE THE STORY

#### **OFFERTORY AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\***♪ CLOSING HYMN:** “He Came Singing Love” (VU 359)

#### **GRATITUDES**

#### **COMMISSIONING**

May God help you to be like Jesus: to be brave when there are difficult things to do; to be honest even when it is safer to be quiet; to be kind even when you encounter unkindness; to bring resurrection life in the most surprising ways. Praise God, friends! Amen.

**♪SUNG BLESSING:** “Sing Amen” (VU 431)

Sing Amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Sing Amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Sing Amen: Amen, Amen; Amen, Amen, Amen:

We praise your name, O God!

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**SCRIPTURE READER:** Sue Miller

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Graham Shaver

### **WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING!**

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

On Your Bulletin Cover: “Doubting Thomas” by artist Franciszek Smuglewicz (1745–1807). Smuglewicz was a Polish-Lithuanian draughtsman and painter. In this painting, it is clear that Thomas is not the only disciple possessed with fear, doubt, or disbelief at the appearance of the Risen Jesus.

*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.*

### **WHAT’S HAPPENING AT OUR CHURCH?**

#### **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.

Ushers, Teachers, and Choir members are trained to assist you (and the children) downstairs and outside to our emergency gathering location: The Capitol Centre Parking Lot.

## **TRINITY LIFT UPDATE**

Our lift continues to be out of order. Technicians have been in to start work but more needs to be done, before we are allowed to use it. This is completely beyond our control and we are eager to have the work done as soon as possible! We regret the inconvenience this has caused to those of you who rely on the lift to attend worship services and rehearsals. We are looking at ways to serve those who are unable to attend worship due to the lift being out of order. If you wish, please feel free to reach out to us to discuss alternatives.

The **UCW** will meet on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside Room at 1:00 pm. All ladies are most welcome to attend.

**TRINITY'S COFFEE HOUSE – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** Happening this Friday night! (doors open at 6:30pm).

Sign up your talent in the Fellowship Hall – musicians, dancers, poets, etc. We are also looking for talented dessert bakers. If you can contribute a dessert, sign that up too! Thanks.

## **MAPLE SYRUP FOR SALE**

Sweet deal! Dave McKenney will be taking orders for Hubbert's Maple Syrup as a fundraiser for Trinity's Scouts. PRICES: 500ml jug- \$15, 1L jug or glass- \$25, 2L jug-\$40, 4L jug-\$70. Please see Dave at coffeetime today!

## **“MEMBERSHIP IN MAY”**

Trinity is overdue for a new Adult Membership Class. If you are not a full member at Trinity, we can fix that! If we have enough for a class, we will gather for a couple of Sundays after church during May, with the hope of welcoming our new members during a service in June! This is also a good Sunday for anyone interested in learning more about our Christian faith, or about the United Church of Canada.

If you're interested in a couple of informal gatherings to discuss Christian belief and how we “Do church the United way” - please be in touch with Reverend Ted and we'll make a plan!

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Thomas King's **Medicine River** is the story of Will Sampson, who returned to the town where he was raised by his Blackfoot mother, knowing nothing about his white father. NAT/Kin

Thomas King continues to use humor to tell tales of conflict between Native American and white culture in his book, **Green Grass, Running Water**. NAT/Kin

**TRINITY'S VACATION BIBLE CAMP** - August 12 – 16, 2024  
9:30 – 3:30 (early drop off and late pick up available for an extra fee) \$75 per child (includes lunch, snacks, materials and a camp shirt) Music, Crafts, Baking, Games, Experiments and more! Kindergarten to Grade 7. Registration packages are available now! (Registration is limited to 50 children.) For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Lisa Blais at [blais.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blais.trinity@gmail.com).

## **TRINITY TESTOSTERONE MEN'S CANOE TRIP**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

The "Testosterone Tradition" is to disappear into the wilderness for Father's Day weekend, but to be back home for Father's Day dinner on Sunday evening. Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall, starting today.

## **REV. TED'S SECRET BOOK CLUB**

The idea is simple: Rev. Ted selects a favourite book that has impacted his own life of faith. For a suggested minimum donation of \$100, members and friends of Trinity get a copy of this year's book (to be read in July), and an invitation to one of several intimate backyard book parties (in August) to re-connect and discuss the book!

If you want to join in with us this summer, please call our office or e-mail Rev. Ted before June ([tedharrison@hotmail.com](mailto:tedharrison@hotmail.com)).

We'll need to order a big stack of books - Rev. Ted guarantees you a memorable selection!

**FOOD SHELF ITEM OF THE MONTH: Cereal**

When you are shopping this week, if you can pick up a box of cereal or oatmeal that would be greatly appreciated. Cereal is one of the regular items we give out each month – we are one of the only food banks that provide cereal. There is a basket in the narthex where you can drop off your donations. Thank you for supporting this outreach to our neighbours in need.

**EMPTY BOWL LUNCH AND SILENT AUCTION** – for Loaves and Fishes Foodbank (St. Andrew's United Church)

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 1:30 at St. Andrew's (McIntyre entrance) Cost: \$30 and you keep the bowl!

Choose a bowl donated by the North Bay Potters Guild, fill it with soup and accompany it with sandwiches and dessert. To purchase tickets contact Janet Ross at [standrewschurch@cogeco.net](mailto:standrewschurch@cogeco.net) or by phone (705-472-7680)

**Scouts Celebrity Server Night, April 21**

Families and guests are encouraged to dine in, order take-out, or order delivery at Boston Pizza on April 21 between the hours of 5pm and 8pm. 10% of all sales (before tax, excluding alcohol) will be donated to our Troop toward our trip to DIBC. What do you need to do? Share our event! Have your friends and family call Boston Pizza to make a dinner reservation or to order take-out or delivery.

Boston Pizza: 705-494-9191

**Scout Pancake Brunch at Trinity Church Sunday April 28th,** 11:30 to 1:30. Adults \$10 Children 6-12 \$5 Under 6 free Come enjoy a pancake brunch before the Rapport Concert!

  
**THE RAPPORT SINGERS**

with  
 The Rapport Band  
 & Guest Soloists



Special Guests  

**HEARTBEAT  
 QUARTET**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ENDURING LOVE**  
 SONGS THAT LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS

**Sunday April 28, 2024 ~ 1:30 PM**  
**Trinity United Church - North Bay**

**TICKETS AT DOOR ~ ADULTS-\$20 STUDENTS-\$15 UNDER 12-FREE**

### AN EASY WAY TO GIVE!

Use the camera on your smart phone to pick up the "QR Code". It will give you a link to connect you to Trinity's Canada Helps donation page. If you don't have cheques or cash, you may still quickly and conveniently make a donation to support the work of Trinity. Thank you for your giving!



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