

Abide with Me



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
May 5th 2024

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Sixth Sunday in the Season of Easter
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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 Bound)

DEDICATED

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Jessie Banks who passed away May 5th, 2018. Always in our hearts.
Janet, Gladys, Rae, and Lee.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love”

1 Corinthians 13:13

***HYMN SING** (10:20 am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE PERSON

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:** “Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love”
(VU 574)

EASTER SEASON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, we admit that we are caught by commercial gimmicks that convince us to buy for the sake of having. Help us to resist the wanting that turns to greed and grasping of many things we do not need.

Sometimes we are jealous and resent people for what they have and we do not have.

We often hesitate to give unless we get something in return.

Please forgive our selfish thoughts and behaviours.

Prompt us to be generous with time, love, talents, knowledge, and resources as they are yours, given for us to share with all your children. And so we now, in silence, offer to you the confessions of our hearts.

(A moment of prayerful silence)

We ask for forgiveness of our forgetfulness.

Help us, O God, to offer the same forgiveness and hospitality to others as you do to us.

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

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

♪ **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 Good Shepherd"

♪ **HYMN:** "Jesus Loves Me" (VU 365)

♪ **ANTHEM:** “Consider the Lilies” N. Sleeth
Flute-Laura Farris

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15: 9-17
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: “The Love that makes us One”

*♪ **HYMN:** “Abide with Me” (VU 436)

WE CELEBRATE THE STORY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING INVITATION

♪ **DOXOLOGY:** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”
(VU 541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (including the Lord’s Prayer)

*♪ **CLOSING HYMN:** “I Come with Joy” (VU 477)

GRATITUDES

COMMISSIONING

Keep your eyes open this week.

Stay alert for signs of God's Spirit at work and invitations to share in the work of the Spirit.

Jesus calls us to shine in the darkness.

May we, in our lives, be examples of God's love.

May God's joy be in us as we abide in his love.

And may the God who made us,
the Christ who mends us,
and the Spirit who brings us life;
bless you and sustain you in every challenge and every
commitment. Amen.

Praise God, friends! And let's SING Amen!

♪SUNG BLESSING: "Sing Amen" (VU 431, twice through)

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

WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING!

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

Thank you to John Sheridan for leading our Worship Service
this morning!

Today's Lay Reader: Gord Ford

Call to Worship: Robbie Robinson

*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.*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR CHURCH?

SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE

If you are a student between the ages of 15 and 30 and looking for a summer job, there are two opportunities available. To apply or for more information, please contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com

Activities and Outreach Assistant

The student applicant will provide assistance and leadership for a variety of activities and outreach opportunities occurring over the summer (including the VBC program). Training and leadership will be provided throughout the course of the job..

Rate: \$18.00 per hour

Time: 35 hours/week for 8 weeks beginning July 2nd 2024

Application deadline: May 26, 2024

Right Relations Resource Team - Public Relations Coordinator

The Canadian Shield Regional Council's Right Relations Team is looking for a Public Relations Coordinator for a short term summer job opportunity. The PR Coordinator will work closely with the Right Relations Team to develop content to foster right relationship building across the Canadian Shield Regional Council.

Rate: \$18.00 per hour

Time: 30 hours/week for 8 weeks beginning May 27, 2024

Application deadline: May 12, 2024

FOOD SHELF ITEM OF THE MONTH: Pudding/Apple Sauce

Many of the clients have been asking for pudding – it is easy to digest, can be eaten anywhere and it tastes good! 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.

MAPLE SYRUP FOR SALE

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 our coffee time today!

TRINITY MEN'S TESTOSTERONE CANOE ADVENTURE

There will be a planning meeting for participants on May 19th, in the Fireside room, after our service. There is still time and room to sign up! Still time to sign up for June 14-16 Canoe Trip. Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

REV. TED'S SECRET BOOK CLUB DUE DATE

If you'd like to join in with us this summer, please call our office or e-mail Rev. Ted before May 26th. (tedharrison@hotmail.com) Books delivered in June, book party in August!

YOUTH GROUP – Youth Led Service Planning

Friday May 10th 6 pm to 8 pm

Youth in Grade 7 and up are encouraged to come out for an evening planning session for our upcoming youth led service. Supper will be provided. Please let Marcel or Lisa know if you are able to attend.

TRINITY LIBRARY: SUGGESTIONS

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

This story is about a poor black farmer whose cells were taken without her knowledge. They became an important tool in developing scientific discoveries. Experience her life through the writings of Rebecca Skloot. BIO/Lac

The Impossible

This is the story of Joyce Smith's son who was lifeless for an hour, and after prayers, breathed again. Follow their story of unshakable faith. BIO/Smi

(browse borrow read return)

Eating out at SWISS CHALET?

Please bring your table receipt (not your credit card receipt) to Trinity and deposit it in the container in the McIntyre Street entrance or the one in the narthex. The restaurant will make a donation to Trinity of 10% of the amount paid for food. This does NOT apply to orders from the bar or orders for takeout and applies to the North Bay restaurant only. We appreciate this generous donation and your participation in this endeavour.

SERENITY STROLLS Walking Together Through Grief Starting April 26th, and then the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month, from 10:00- 11:00am. This is a free walking program through Nipissing Serenity Hospice. Light refreshments follow. Please contact Lillian to register, at 705-995-3377, extension 1203, or lcozac@nipissingfserenityhospice.ca

“MEMBERSHIP IN MAY”

Trinity is overdue for a new Adult Membership Class. This is also a good opportunity 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!

VBC 2024 WOW (World of Wonders) Trinity's Vacation Bible Camp runs from August 12th – 16th 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (early drop off and late pick up available for an extra fee) Come discover our World of Wonders, make new friends and have fun exploring the bible through games, crafts, cooking, music, experiments and more this summer! Children in Kindergarten through to Grade 7. \$75 per child - all snacks, materials and a camp shirt included. Music, Crafts, Baking, Games and more! Registration is limited to 50 children. Registration packages are available now. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com.

RENDEZVOUS 2024 - AUDACIOUS HOPE

July 3, 2024 - July 7, 2024 in St. Catharines

This year The United Church of Canada and The Presbyterian Church in Canada are partnering to bring even more inspiring worship, amazing speakers, engaging and interactive workshops and experiential activities, singing, friendship, and fun! Come and make new friends from across the country and around the world. We look forward to seeing **youth, young adults, and their leaders** this July. For more information contact Lisa at blais.trinity@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 3rd -5th: On this weekend, our own Lisa Blais will be commissioned as a Diaconal Minister, at the Canadian Shield Regional meeting in Sault Ste Marie.
- Fri. May 10 – Youth Group 6 – 8 pm
- Sun. May 19th Testosterone Men’s Trip Planning Meeting after our church service in the Fireside room.
- Sat. May 25th- 11am- Youth City Wide Magical Mystery Event
- Sat. May 25th- Fundraising Dinner hosted by Friends of Camp Caritou
- Sat. May 25th- 7pm- Jonah’s Druthers- Mustard Seed Show
- Sun. May 26th- 1pm- Jonah’s Druthers- Mustard Seed Matinee
- Sun May 26th – Ted’s Secret Book Club sign up deadline.
- Sun June 2nd- The Joyful Bells host a fundraising lunch after church.
- Sun June 2- J.O.Y. Band Concert, “Swing into Spring” 1:30pm at Trinity United Church.
- Sun June 9th- Youth-led Anniversary and Communion Service
- Fri. June 14th- Sun June 16th-The 2024 Trinity Testosterone Men’s Canoe Adventure!



**NEAR NORTH UCW SPRING EVENT
HOSTED BY TRINITY UCW**

THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024 9:30 am- 2:30 pm

**GUEST SPEAKER – LISA O’KANE
SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Trinity United Church
111 McIntyre St. E. North Bay, Ontario

Registration at 9:30-10:00 am
Cost of \$10 to be donated to Trinity UCW to cover
lunch costs

Morning Worship will include an offering
Afternoon Worship will include communion

Please bring items for the Silent Auction and don't
forget your money to bid

Wanted gently used or new Spiritual/Religion themed
books for a book sale by donation Proceeds to The
Healing Fund

RSVP TO JUDY BIONDI BY MAY 2 at 705-478-7781
Or at dymondace1@yahoo.com

The visual display this morning is in honour of Red Dress Day (loving, remembering and honouring missing and murdered indigenous women). It is inspired by a painting by Jill Lunn, an indigenous



artist whose painting ‘Rising’ was used for the exhibition “If these dresses could talk”. The imagery of a red dress hanging on a cross in a provocative one, asking us to consider the connection between the suffering and deaths of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and the crucifixion. Even as the crucified Christ bore the transgressions of human

injustice so these indigenous women bear the transgressions of colonization and racism. The Truth and Reconciliation report called us to remember the lost lives of the victims; to teach; to give Indigenous women a voice; to inspire a new cross-cultural generation based on inclusivity, compassion, love. It is a reminder to collectively offer the MMIWG our love, and then in gratitude to create a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment for Indigenous Peoples and their stories.

How to Reach Us

If you would like more information about the Trinity community, or have questions or needs that we may respond to, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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