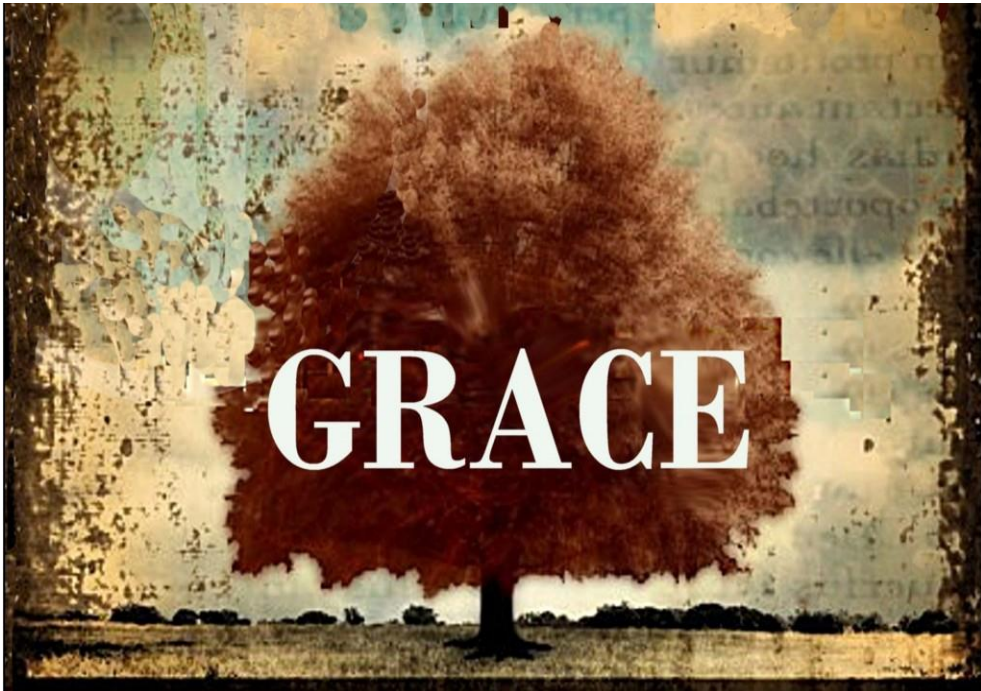


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January 8, 2017



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OFFERING: Mercy Home, Kenya

*INVOCATION IN SONG: “Come and Behold Him” (see insert)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Joy, Joy” (Phelps/Arr. Goss)

[at this time children who are interested in attending Sunday School may go to the classroom downstairs]

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: God of heaven and earth, you see all things. You know the depths of our hearts better than we can know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire and the depth of our failures when we fall short of doing what we know is right. We ask for your mercy and forgiveness for our selfishness and fears. Help us to walk as the faithful representatives you call us to be. Create in us the grace of Christ toward those with whom we disagree, just as he extended it to those who conspired against him. Hear our silent prayers of confession, most merciful One.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVING PARDON

One: God truly shows no partiality. In every nation, anyone who reverences God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Just as the prophets testified in the scriptures, everyone who believes in God receives forgiveness of sins through God’s name. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated) “Majesty” Blue Songbook p.42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Christine Macready (Lay Reader)

One: Awaken our ears, Divine Sovereign, to hear your voice as you call us to restore the joy of our youth, the joy of freedom, the joy of peace; may the joy that you awaken in us ring from our hearts and echo throughout the world.

SCRIPTURE READING: Christine Macready (Lay Reader)

Hebrew scripture:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Gospel lesson:

Matthew 3:13-17

MUSIC MEDITATION

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE: Pastor Don

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us)

PRAYER RESPONSE:

All: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

CALL TO OFFERING: Christine Macready (Lay Reader)

One: Just as the waters of the earth are abundant and full of life, so are the blessings which God pours upon us daily. Let us now joyfully offer our tithes and offerings with the hope that they may enable others to feel immersed in God's love.

OFFERTORY: "Dance of Joy" (Arr. Semsen)

*THE DOXOLOGY

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (x2)

Give thanks.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Giver and Sustainer of Life, pour out your blessing upon these gifts and upon all who give from their hearts. Multiply them so that they reach farther than our imaginations can carry them. In the blessed name of our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Shout to the Lord" Blue Songbook p.54

*BENEDICTION

As we prepare to leave this place, may the refreshment of the baptism of the Holy Spirit remain with us, renewing us for the service and work that awaits us. Amen.

*SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)

*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

*POSTLUDE

*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

If you use social media we invite and encourage you to check in online as you attend today's service.

Portions of this week's service were excerpted and adapted from **The Voice of God Over the Waters: Service Prayers for Baptism of Christ Sunday** by the Rev. Dr. Renee C. Jackson

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here - to explore your faith, to meet new people, and to strengthen your personal relationship with God. If you are a guest here today, please sign our guest book. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pews and put it in the offering plate.

Sunday Bulletins - Trinity offers a Children's Bulletin and a Large Print Bulletin along with the Regular Sunday Bulletin. We also have adjustable audio devices for better hearing. Each can be found in the narthex.

Bible Discussion Schedule – All sessions run from 1:00 – 2:30 pm

- **January 8: Beginners Guide to the UCC** - Session 4 - The local congregation (in its many forms): how are WE UCC?
- **January 15 No Bible Discussion**
- January 22 and January 29

2016 Annual Reports — Reports are due Monday, January 9, 2017 from all Church Leaders, Committee chairs, Ministry Leaders and Staff. Reports can be emailed to Eileen Littell at trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org or dropped in the church office mailbox.

The new Executive Committee Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm. Any prior consistory members and any other members of the congregation that would like to attend are invited to do so.

Friend/Fundraising Meeting is scheduled for January 21st 9:00 am in the sanctuary. The meeting will focus on finalizing the calendar and start planning major friend/fundraising events. All are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to see or contact Charlie Miller at jamff4@aol.com.

Guild Meeting: Please join us Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. for this Trinity exclusive program. We are very excited to have one of our own, **Kathy Brown**, share her vacation photos with us. Here are Kathy's words to describe her amazing trip.

“Three fifty-six year old women that have been friends for forty-four years go on an adventure that was described as a leisurely stroll around Mont Blanc - the highest mountain in Western Europe. A much more challenging hike than expected, the trip taught me a lot about goals and what I can do.”

It was the trip of a lifetime for Kathy Brown and she will share pictures from the one hundred and ten mile trek through France, Italy, Switzerland and back to France. We will view Kathy's photos upstairs in the Sanctuary with our new TV screens. Please feel free to have friends and family members join us for breath taking scenery and mountain views.



Today is Sunday, January 8, 2017

10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship – Kenya Offering
12:00 pm Welcome Table
1:00 pm Bible Discussion (more
information on p. 5)
3:00 pm LIC Group Meeting

Monday, January 9

Annual Reports Due (more information on p. 5)

8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 am Lancaster Ministerium
6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Lions Club
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, January 13

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, January 14

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, January 15

10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship-Helping Hands Offering
Guest Speaker – Charlie Miller
1:00 pm **No Bible Discussion**
3:00 pm LIC Group Meeting

Sunday mornings couldn't happen without the many disciples here at TRUCC. Volunteers are appreciated and needed. If you're interested in serving please see the volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex.

January 15th Volunteers

Trinity Café: Gladys Drybred

Greeters:

Head Usher: Tom Robinson

Lay Reader: Eileen Scion

Children's Christian Education:
Nancy Henry, Fred Hooper &
Dee Koller

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers:

Attendance

January 3, 201655

January 1, 201735

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Christine Macready

Ministry of Music

Music Director, Chancel Choir Shannon Edwards

Bell Choir Director: Daniel Molkenthin

Sound Technician

Mark Cote and Charlie Miller

Ministry of Service

Trinity Café: Gladys Drybred

Head Usher: Tom Robinson

Greeters:

Counter:

Nursery:

Children's Christian Education

Gladys Drybred, Karen Robinson & Chuck Romberger

Floral Arrangement donated by:

The Guild for the glory of God

January Greeting Cards: Gladys Drybred

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ exists to render loving service toward humanity with Jesus as our example. We preach love, teach compassion and social justice, and welcome all into the full life and ministry of the church.