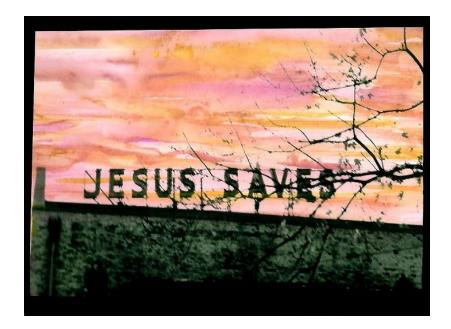
# Welcome to Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Sunday, March 19, 2017: Third Sunday in Lent



**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING** 

#### PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OFFERING: Helping Hands Fund

\*INVOCATION IN SONG "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" New Century Hymnal #199

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

[during the winter months, many people become concerned about the spread of germs that cause cold and flu symptoms; we invite you to participate in the tradition of passing the peace in ways that you are comfortable with while honoring the preferences of others—whether that means shaking hands or simply offering a verbal "peace to you"]

ANTHEM "Dry Bones" (Arr. Gearheart) [at this time children who are interested in attending Sunday School may go to the classroom downstairs]

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Let us gather before the God of grace, to offer our prayer of confession.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we

have attributed your miracles to our own hands alone,

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: For everytime we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when

your response did not come soon enough, or in the way we expected,

All: Grant us mercy, O God.

One: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

All: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

One: For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, for each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us.

All: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

One: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us,

All: Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace through Jesus Christ, who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY: Tom Duke (Lay Reader)

Enduring Presence, goal and guide, you go before us and await our coming. Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship. Pour your love into our hearts, that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Tom Duke (Lay Reader)
Gospel lesson **John 4:5-42** 

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE: Pastor Don.

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO OFFERING: Tom Duke (Lay Reader)

Through Christ we are called to be sowers of God's truth and reapers of God's blessings. Therefore, let us joyfully share a portion of what we have received from God so those in need may rejoice with us.

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY

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.

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

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

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

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross" NCH #198

## \*BENEDICTION

Depart from this time of worship, restored and refreshed by the living water from Jesus, the Rock of our salvation. Go forth, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world as witnesses of God. ambassadors of reconciliation, and praising God's holy name. Amen. \*SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)

\*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

#### \*POSTLUDE

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 **Thirsting for Grace: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday of Lent** 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** – Today from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

**Time for Easter Flowers** - Easter Flower orders must be placed today. Payment is due at the time of order. Please contact Marilyn Shertzer with questions or concerns at 717-492-8186.

<sup>\*</sup>indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

**Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sale** – Candy orders should be delivered by Wednesday, March 22. Orders can be picked up between 9:00 am - 2:00 pm., or at Sunday morning worship service.

Your candy orders will be marked with your name on the carton in the Narthex. Please check you order for accuracy. For any corrections to your order, please contact Mary Ibach at (717) 285-7536, as soon as possible.

**Guest Speaker** - The fundraising team is excited to announce that Jennie from The Stroopies Company will be here on Sunday, March 26th. She will give a very short presentation about the company and their product during the morning announcements.

The Stroopie Co. exists to support refugees who are starting over in Lancaster by providing meaningful employment and making high quality cookies to sell in Lancaster and all over the U.S...

**All Church Clean-up day!** – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please join us for an hour or the whole time. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with the tasks that need to be completed.

## Mark your calendar for Lent/Easter 2017 schedule for HOLY WEEK

- Wednesday April 12, 6:30 pm Labyrinth Walk at First Presbyterian Church, E. Orange Street Lancaster
- Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday pot luck and communion in fellowship hall. All are welcome. Please sign the reservation list in the narthex.
- Friday, April 14: Good Friday Service (TBD)
- Easter Sunday, April 16: Sunrise Service at 6:00 am at Grubb Lake in Mountville; and regular worship service Trinity UCC with communion at 10:30am.

Today is Sunday, March 19, 2017

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship – Helping Hands

Offering

1:00 pm Bible Discussion

3:30 pm LIG Meeting

Monday, March 20 8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 pm Executive Team Meeting

8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, March 22 5:30 pm KPETS 6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 23

6:30 pm Lancaster Fossil & Mineral Club

Friday, March 24

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 25

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, March 26

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship – Guest Speaker from

Stroopies Co. (see more

information on page 6

1:00 pm Bible Discussion

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.

March 26th Volunteers

Trinity Café: Susan Devecchis

Greeters: Adella Houck &

Wendy McKelvy

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Lay Reader: Christine Macready

Children's Christian Education: Nicole Witman, Tom Robinson &

Katie Crockett

Counter:

Altar Flowers:

Attendance

March 13, 2016 .....74

March 12, 2017.....63

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek Lay Reader: Tom Duke

## **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: Susan Devecchis Head Usher: Esther Markey

Greeters: Adella Houck & Wendy McKelvy Counter:

#### **Children's Christian Education**

Kathy Jones, Sharon Knerr & Wendy McKelvy

# **Floral Arrangement**

Altar Flowers donated by Mary Ann Price for the Glory of God

# **March Greeting Cards**

Mary Ann Price

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.