

**Welcome to**  
**Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
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**May 1, 2016**



**God is Still Speaking**

## PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: Come, Lamb of God, light our path as we gather today. Open the gates of our minds and our hearts that your word may penetrate to the depth of our being. Lead us to the river of the water of life and refresh us for the work you have set for us. Sit us down under the tree of life and let us rejoice in the diversity of its fruit and witness to the healing of nations. Show us your glory, Sovereign One as we come to worship you. Amen.**

\*OPENING MEDLEY:       “Open Our Eyes”       TRUCC Blue Songbook (p.12)  
                                  “Open the Eyes of My Heart”   TRUCC Blue Songbook (p. 50)

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

### INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

One: The Psalmist writes, “I lift my eyes up to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.” Let us come before God in a spirit of confession.

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Help us, God our Savior;

**All: Deliver us and forgive our sins.**

One: Look upon your congregation.

**All: Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

One: Declare your glory among the nations.

**All: And your wonders among all people.**

One: Let not the oppressed be shamed or turned away.

**All: Never forget the lives of the poor.**

One: Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,

**All: And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

One: Satisfy us by your lovingkindness in the morning.

**All: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Our merciful and almighty God grants us forgiveness of all of our sins, opportunities for changing our lives, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)

“Spirit of the Living God”

New Century Hymnal (#283)

SPECIAL MUSIC: “My Savior First of All”

Arr. Krogstad

## PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eileen Scion, Lay Reader

One: Almighty God, purify our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our salvation, Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS: Eileen Scion, Lay Reader

New Testament reading

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5** (p.1086)

Gospel lesson

**John 5:1-9** (p. 926)

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON HYMN:

“There is a Balm in the Gilead”

NCH (#553)

MESSAGE

“Do You Want To Be Healed?”

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:

**Hear our prayer O God; hear our prayer O God;  
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. (X2)**

CALL TO OFFERING: Eileen Scion, Lay Reader

One: We look around at the bounty of God's creation and give thanks.  
All that we have and all that we are is a gift from the author of generosity.  
May we be as generous, that the work of this church will be a blessing to others.

OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: We come before you again to ask a blessing, God of Grace, on these our tithes and offerings. Bless and multiply these gifts that your abundance might be recognized in this place and beyond its walls. May the fruits of our labors strengthen your church and truly be for the healing of the nations. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" NCH (#459)

\*BENEDICTION

\*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 **Outside the Gates: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter** by the Reverend Jill K Warner

## 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.

**Prayer** - Trinity believes in prayer. If you have a prayer request, we ask that you share it with us and put it in writing. Prayer Request Forms are in our red prayer bowl located outside the sanctuary. Once completed, place it back into the prayer bowl. Those written prayer requests will be added to our Prayer List, which is updated weekly. You will find a copy of the current list near the red bowl.

**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.

**Columbia Food Bank** - Cash and Check donations to the Columbia Food Bank can be always be added to your contributions to the weekly offering. Please write "FOOD BANK" on the envelope or memo line of your check.

**Weekly Bible Discussion** meets Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the TRUCC Fellowship Hall. **Bible discussion is canceled for Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Blood Drive** – Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 – 6:30 pm. The blood drive is housed in TRUCC Fellowship Hall. The Mountville Lions Club has snacks and refreshments available and are very supportive and friendly. For an appointment please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-red-cross (1-800-733-2767). Flyers available in the hallway outside the church office.

# AMERICA'S ORIGINAL

## SIN

Racism, White Privilege,  
and the  
Bridge to a New America

A weekly discussion of  
Jim Wallace's  
America's Original Sin  
At Trinity Reformed UCC  
Thursdays May 5—June 2  
6:30 pm—8:00 pm  
In the TRUCC Fellowship Hall  
285-5593  
[mountvilletrinityucc.org](http://mountvilletrinityucc.org)

**Mother - Daughter Banquet** - Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Adults \$8, children 4-12 \$4 and children 3 & under are free. ALL women are invited. You are either a mother or someone's daughter. It is an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. Check out the May Newsletter for more banquet news.



Sunburst in Morning Mist

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Today is Sunday, May 1, 2016  
 9:45 am Deacon Meeting  
 10:00 am Trinity Café  
 10:30 am Worship  
 1:00 pm Bible Discussion  
 3:00 pm Private Event, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 2  
 9:00 am Columbia Ministerium  
 1:00 pm Blood Drive  
 8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, May 3  
 7:00 pm Guild Meeting  
 8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, May 4  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 5  
 1:00 pm Lions Club sub-makers  
 6:30 pm Discussion on America's  
 Original Sin

Friday, May 6  
 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, May 7  
 11:00 am Private Event, Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 pm Mother - Daughter Banquet

Sunday, May 8  
 10:00 am Trinity Café  
 10:30 am Worship – Mercy Home Offering  
 11:30 am Welcome Table  
**Bible Discussion Canceled**

*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 outside the church office.*

**Sunday, May 8th volunteers.**

Trinity Café:

Greeters: Jean Haines &  
 Shirley St. Clair

Head Usher: Christine Macready

Lay Reader: Bridgette Hancock

Children's Christian Education:  
 Gladys Drybred

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Esther Markey

Attendance

April 26, 2015.....71  
 April 24, 2016.....56

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Pastor Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Eileen Scion

## **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:

Greeters: Jean Haines & Shirley St. Clair

Head Usher: Christine Macready

Counter:

Nursery:

May Greeting Cards: Babs Froelich

Floral Arrangement donated by:

Harry & Babs Froelich in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

***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.***