

Welcome to
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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL OFFERING/MISSION MOMENT

*INVOCATION

One: Holy One, You astonish us with your generosity. You pour forth your goodness on all you have made, and are not limited by the barriers we place on your grace. You constantly move the hearts of strangers as well as friends, enemies, as well as neighbors. Let your grace flow through us here and now, that we may see all peoples as you see them--beautiful, whole, deserving of mercy and justice—and let our lives be shaped by that graced vision. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who offers to all abundant life. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: “Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls”
New Century Hymnal #383

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION (*based on Luke 7: 1-10*)

One: Conventional wisdom is astonished by the encounter of the centurion and Jesus. The centurion is a gentile, yet loves Jewish tradition; the centurion represents an occupying power, yet wins the trust of the people’s leaders; the centurion exercises power over those in his command, yet cares for the life of a slave, the centurion embodies all military and political power in the area, yet turns to a poor, itinerant preacher for healing. Even Jesus is astonished at the faith of the centurion. Let us confess with faith that our God is a God of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, your abundant life flows through all, creating channels of hope and possibility for community. When we forget that your grace is at work changing hearts and minds:

All: Holy Wisdom, have mercy.

One: When we fail to welcome one another with compassion, curiosity and care:

All: Beloved Christ, have mercy.

One: When we let caricature and stereotype block the possibility of relationship:

All: Truth-loving Spirit, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus reconciles us, heals us and sets us free to see one another clearly, to challenge one another honestly, to work with one another for God's vision of justice, love and peace.

Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)

Oh, how He loves you and me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give;

Oh, how He loves you, oh, how He loves me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

BELL CHOIR: "Jesu, Joy of Mans Desiring"

Bach

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Bridgette Hancock, Lay Reader

One: Lord, infuse our whole being with the grace of your Spirit of Truth, that we may see the ways that your Kingdom is unfolding around us each day.

Bless us as we receive your wisdom through the reading of scripture.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Bridgette Hancock, Lay Reader

Hebrew scripture

Deuteronomy 10:14-20 (p.161)

New Testament reading

Galatians 2:11-21 (p.1013)

Gospel lesson

Matthew 10:1-16 (p.843)

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

NCH #393

MESSAGE:

“Things That I’ve Learned from Paul, pt. 1: Walking the Walk”

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

**Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**
(repeat)

CALL TO OFFERING: Bridgette Hancock, Lay Reader

One: Let us give in the spirit of the One whose grace overflows all human boundaries; whose love knows no limits; whose generosity knows no measure.

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: Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to your service: that the hungry may be fed, the powerless be healed, and the stranger welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN:

“The Church’s One Foundation”

NCH#386

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

One: When people are discouraged:

All: Let's astonish them with hope!

One: Where people are divided:

All: Let's astonish them with friendship!

One: When people are afraid:

All: Let's astonish them with generosity!

One: Go out into the world to be a channel for the grace of God, the love of Christ and the fellowship of the Spirit, which has been given to us to share with all!

***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 **Faith of the Outsider: Prayers for Second Sunday of Pentecost**, by the Rev. Susan A. Blain

NEXT WEEK: "What I Learned from Paul, pt.2: Communion is Sacred"

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.

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.

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 - 2:30 pm in the TRUCC Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Jim Wallace's America's Original Sin on June 12, 19 & 26. Hope you can join us.

Annual Dine - Out Party - Tuesday, June 7th 6:00 pm at the Centerville Diner on 100 Centerville Road in Lancaster. ALL ARE WELCOME. You do not have to be a member of the Guild to attend. This meal and social time is a "pat on the back" for a good year and a good job done by all the volunteers that helped with the Guild events and fundraisers. Thank you. We appreciate your time and effort.
Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, June 5.

Chicken Bar-B-Q -The next Chicken Bar-B-Q will be June 18th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or sold out. More information to come in the June Newsletter.

Food Sale Fundraiser-The Guild has agreed to sell hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and baked goods for the Lancaster Fossil & Mineral Club at the Solanco Fairground in Quarryville. Volunteers are needed Friday, June 17 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm and 3:00 - 7:00 pm and Saturday, June 18 from 8:00 am -12:00 pm and 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Volunteers are also needed to make soup. Please bring any food donations and baked goods to Trinity by Wednesday, June 15th. For questions please see Gail Crissey, Wanda Nace, Diane Fiebert or Katie Crockett.

Today is Sunday, May 29, 2016

10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship
1:00 pm Bible Discussion

Monday, May 30

Church Office Closed

11:30 am Memorial Day Program
@ Mountville Cemetery
8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, May 31

8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, June 1

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, June 2

1:00 pm Lions Club sub-makers

Friday, June 3

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, June 4

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, June 5

9:45 am Deacon Meeting
10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship
1:30 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 outside the church office.

Sunday, June 5th volunteers.

Trinity Café: Nancy Henry

Greeters: Carol Youtz & Phyllis Cliff

Head Usher: Gail Crissey

Lay Reader: Charlie Miller

Children's Christian Education
Nancy Henry & Bonnie Crone

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Nancy Henry

Attendance

May 24, 2015.....65
May 22, 2016.....59

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Bridgette Hancock

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:
Nicole Witman in honor of Gladys Drybred's Birthday

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.