

**Welcome to**  
**Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
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**May 8, 2016**



**God is Still Speaking**

## PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

Come As You Are – Crowder

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT: Mercy Home Offering

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Revelation 22)

One: The Spirit of God bids us, “Come.” Let everyone who hears within their hearts “Come.” Hear the whole earth rejoice and the coastlands sing of our God’s steadfast love.

**All: We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks, for God sets us free!**

One: Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit “Come.”  
Let anyone who wishes “Come,” and receive the water of life as a gift.

**All: We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks for God’s steadfast love that brings joy to our hearts in the night, lights our lives like the dawn and sets us free. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (inspired by Revelation 22 and John 17)

One: Merciful God, we say that we want you to come and be among us. And yet we acknowledge that you already are among us, fully and completely at all times. We say that we want Jesus to return and we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus.” And yet, we confess our fears and uncertainty about the return of Christ and what it will mean for us and for the world. Jesus prayed that we might be one with you and with each other. And yet, so often, if we are honest, we wish to remain separate from you, maintaining our independence and control. We resist the burden of being unified with those around us, especially when those around us want different things than we do or pull us in directions we do not wish to go. Soften our resistance, gracious Lord, and draw us into an authentic relationship with you and true community with one another. We pray this in the name of your Son, who prayed and still prays for us. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN: "Glorious Things of You are Spoken"  
New Century Hymnal #307

## A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

**All: Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.**

One: Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

**All: Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.**

One: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

**All: Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship.**

**We stand together as your disciples.**

**We seek renewed and renewing faith.**

**Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord.**

**Touch us now with your Spirit.**

### ASSURANCE OF GODS LOVE

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! The glory that God has manifested in Jesus Christ is given to us even now so that we may live and love as one, for in Christ, we are one. The promise of God is to guard the lives of the faithful, and rescue us from the hand of anything that binds us and separates us from God, and one another. Because God's love manifests in Jesus Christ, "the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" sets us free.

**All: We are free indeed! 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.**

ANTHEM: "I Have Felt The Hand of God" (Courtney)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Bobbie Poteau, Lay Reader

Almighty God we gather in this Holy place to be one with You. We desire to not only be one with you, but with one another. We pray that you break the chains that prevent us from hearing your word, and enter our hearts. Now listen for God's still speaking voice.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Bobbie Poteau, Lay Reader

Old Testament reading

Psalms 97 (p.519)

New Testament reading

Revelation 22:12-21 (p.1087)

Gospel lesson

John 17:20-26 (p. 941)

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: "UNITY" Charlie Miller

SPECIAL TIME FOR MOTHERS AND ALL WOMEN (see insert)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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!**

CALL TO OFFERING: Bobbie Poteau, Lay Reader

Jesus prays that we might all be one: with him, with God, with each other. One way to respond to this prayer is to share our gifts for the common good, to support the body of Christ, the Church, in its local, regional and national settings.

## OFFERTORY

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

NCH#780

**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

**O God, receive these gifts, bless them and multiply them, that they may strengthen and unify the work of your Church here and around the Earth you love. In Jesus' name we pray: Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN:

**"They'll Know We are Christians"  
TRUCC Blue Songbook (p.4)**

### \*BENEDICTION

Go now in peace, for Christ has called you to live in peace among your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Go now in courage, for Christ has called you from the places of your life to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.

Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light!

Go now as one body, to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!

### \*SUNG BENEDICTION (*See inside back of hymnal*)

### \*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

### \*POSTLUDE

\* Indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit.

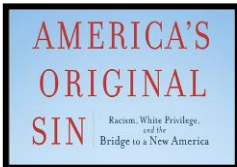
## WELCOME TO TRINITY

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.

**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. **Today's Bible Study is canceled.** Next meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>.



A weekly discussion of Jim Wallace's America's Original Sin Thursdays May 5—June 2 - 6:30 pm—8:00 pm in the TRUCC Fellowship Hall

**Annual Dine Out Party** - Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in 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.**

Today is Sunday, May 8, 2016

10:00 am Trinity Café  
10:30 am Worship – Guest Speaker,  
Charlie Miller - Mercy Home  
Offering  
11:30 am Welcome Table

Monday, May 9

8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, May 10

6:30 pm Lions Club

8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, May 11

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 12

6:30 pm Discussion on Jim Wallace's  
America's Original Sin

Friday, May 13

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, May 14

12:00 pm Private Event (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 15

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship – Communion –  
Helping Hands Offering

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, May 15th volunteers.**

Trinity Café:

Greeters: Jean Haines &  
Shirley St. Clair

Head Usher: Christine Macready

Lay Reader: Mary Ann Price

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Marilyn Shertzner

Attendance

April 31, 2015.....64

May 1, 2016.....65

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Charlie Miller

Lay Reader: Bobbie Poteau

## **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:  
Esther Markey in honor of her Parents

***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.***