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

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**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING** 

### PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*UNISON INVOCATION

All: Come, Holy God, offer us your mantle of love and power in this place. In the shelter of its love let us lay before you our troubles, our longings, our hopes. Let its power open us to new ways through difficulty, struggle and loss into your Spirit's realm of joy and peace. Come, Holy God, in your presence there is fullness of glory.

\*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult" New Century Hymnal #172

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by the worries of the world. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find excuses to return to our places of comfort and familiarity. Yet we yearn to be more centered on You. Hear our silent prayers of confession, gracious God.

Silent confession.....

# ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven.

# 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.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Alice Heitmueller, lay reader)

One: Merciful God, we seek your guidance and your wisdom, so that we may live into the promise of your good grace. Bless us as we receive your word this day, and grant us your peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: (Alice Heitmueller, lay reader)

 Hebrew scripture
 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (p.319 & 320)

 New Testament reading
 Romans 14:13-22 (p.988)

 Gospel lesson
 Luke 9:51-56 (p.901)

One: God is still speaking. All: **Thanks be to God.** 

SERMON HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" NCH#493

MESSAGE "Customs versus Christ-Consciousness" 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: (Alice Heitmueller, lay reader)

One: We have inherited a double share of God's Spirit and we are grateful. May we, as we live by the Spirit, also be guided by the Spirit to provide for those who have need for charity or justice. Let us give generously in Jesus' name from our share of God's provision.

### **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

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: Our hearts are glad as we help work your wonders through these gifts. We ask your wisdom as we put our hands to the plow and look forward, visioning the just and loving kingdom of God.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Here I am, Lord" Blue Songbook p. 20

### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth wearing the mantle given by our God.

Part the waters of injustice.

Make a way for compassion to be offered to all that God loves.

\*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 **Putting on the Mantle: Service Prayers for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost** by The Rev. Catherine Rolling.

### 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 –** Please place all monetary donations in the marked bucket in the Narthex. Donations can be made in cash or by check. Please make checks out to the Columbia Food Bank. All food donations can be placed in the baskets. Thanks!

**Book Discussion** from 1:00 - 2:30 pm this is the last discussion on Jim Wallace's "America's Original Sin".

Feed the Hungry - Saturday, June 25, 7:00 - 9:00 am @ Salem Columbia UCC.

Rummage Sale—Friday, July 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00—8:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). Instead of charging a set price per item we ask for a donation. Frozen quarts and pints of homemade soups are available for sale. Spread the word. Donations of spring and summer items are appreciated. NO FURNITURE ACCEPTED. We need volunteers to help set-up in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 20<sup>TH</sup> and during the sale. Watch for sign-up sheets

**Consistory Meeting** – Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 pm. All are Welcome.

Congregational Business Meeting to follow service on July 31st.

# BE THE CHURCH Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

Today is Sunday, June 26, 2016

10:00 am Trinity Café 10:30 am Worship

1:00 pm Book Discussion "America's

Original Sin"

Monday, June 27 8:00 pm AA Pastor Don Vacation

Tuesday, June 28

6:30 pm Lions Club

8:00 pm AA

Pastor Don Vacation

Wednesday, June 29 No Activities Scheduled Pastor Don Vacation

Thursday, June 30 No Activities Scheduled Pastor Don Vacation

Friday, July 1 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, July 2 No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, July 3

9:45 am Deacon Meeting

10:00 am Trinity Café 10:30 am Worship 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, July 3rd volunteers.

Trinity Café: Bonnie Crone

Greeters: Bobbie Poteau &

Peg Harper

Head Usher: Chuck Romberger

Lay Reader: Mark Cote

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Bobbie Poteau &

Peg Harper

# **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek Lay Reader: Alice Heitmueller

# **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: Gail Crissey

Children's Christian Education: Nancy Henry & Gladys Drybred

Counter: Nursery:

June Greeting Cards: Nancy Henry

Floral Arrangement donated by: Alice Heitmueller in memory or Alice and Karl's 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.