

Welcome to
Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL OFFERING: HELPING HANDS FUND

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is in our midst! How will you bid him welcome?

All: We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will delight in his presence.

One: When God shows up, surprising things can happen.

All: We will make ourselves ready. We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.

One: Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God! So let us share and sing, rest and listen, pray and praise!

All: Let us worship God!

* INVOCATION:

One: Wonderful, surprising God, you bring us hope when we are discouraged, peace when we are anxious, and joy when we are least expecting it. Help us, now, to rest in your presence. Be our honored guest not only here but everywhere we go this week. Show us how to receive all that you have to offer us. May we remain open even to what seems too incredible to be true, for with you, so much more is possible than we even imagine. We pray this in the name of your most unlikely blessing, Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN:

“Breathe”
“Shout to the Lord”

Blue Songbook p.26
BSB p. 54

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE: “How We Worship: Saying Sorry”

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: The Psalmist declares that those who speak the truth from their heart will abide in God's sanctuary. God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts. Now let the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness flow through you. May the abundance of God's mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lay Reader, Bobbie Poteau

One: God of mercy, as we receive the wisdom of your word this day, open our hearts to learning new ways to pray continually, just as you yourself pray through our loving acts toward one another.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Lay Reader, Bobbie Poteau

Hebrew scripture

Jonah 2:2-9 (p.800)

New Testament reading

1Thessalonians 5:12-24 (p.1031)

Gospel lesson

Matthew 6:5-13 (p.839)

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

New Century Hymnal #505

REFLECTION

"The Ways That We Pray"

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:

Lay Reader, Bobbie Poteau

One: Amazing things can happen when we share. When three strange guests showed up outside Abraham and Sarah's tent, they rushed to create a fine feast of the best they had to offer. They did this having no idea that their guests would give them an astonishing gift of great joy. Let us make our offering an abundant feast of the finest gifts we have to share. Perhaps we also will be joyfully surprised by what God has in store for us.

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

Generous God, we share what we have because we wish to serve you with the best we have to offer. Bless our tithes and offerings that they may become a bountiful feast for all who need to be filled with good things. Open our eyes to see the strangers you call us to welcome. Empower us to receive them as you do, with radically inclusive hospitality. May we recognize and delight in the gifts they share with us. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN:

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

NCH #472

*BENEDICTION

Go out into the world to serve God with love.
Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer you.
Make room at your table for unexpected guests.
When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated,
rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
go with you today and always. **Amen.**

*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 **Welcome the Guest: Service Prayers for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost** by Rev. Heather A. Moody

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. Checks should be made out to the Columbia Food Bank. All food donations can be placed in the baskets. Thanks!

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

TRUCC 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 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). Instead of charging a set price per item we ask for a donation. Donations of summer items are appreciated. **NO FURNITURE ACCEPTED.** We need volunteers to help set-up in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 20TH and during the sale. Please see sign-up sheet outside the church office.

Elder Meeting – Sunday, July 24th at 9:30 am.

Congregational Business Meeting to follow service on July 31st.



Today is Sunday, July 17, 2016
10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship – Helping Hands
Offering

Monday, July 18
8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, July 19
6:30 pm Consistory Meeting
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, July 20
9:00 am Rummage Sale set-up

Thursday, July 21
No Activities Scheduled

Friday, July 22
8:00 am – 2:00 pm Rummage Sale
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Rummage Sale

Saturday, July 23
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Rummage Sale

Sunday, July 24
9:30 am Elder Meeting
10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship

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Sunday, July 24th volunteers.

Trinity Café: Bonnie Crone

Greeters: Bobbie Poteau &
Peg Harper

Head Usher: Janie Kaminski

Lay Reader: Christine Macready

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Helen Gainer

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.

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

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: Bonnie Crone

Greeters: Bobbie Poteau & Peg Harper

Head Usher:

Children's Christian Education

Teacher – Katie Crockett

Helper – Bonnie Crone

Counter:

Nursery:

July Greeting Cards: Bonnie Crone

Floral Arrangement donated by:

Adella Houck & Wendy McKelvy in honor of Ivy and Brian'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.