

Welcome to
Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
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God is Still Speaking

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL OFFERING: Mercy Home, Kenya

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us sing to the God of Hosts.

All: Who provides for us, and whom we worship in this space.

One: How awesome is our God.

All: Who created from nothing all that is beautiful in this world.

One: Who anticipates our every need.

All: Who loves us beyond measure. O God, our God give heed to our presence. Hear our voices lifted up to you in praise. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" New Century Hymnal #304

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

One: God of all good gifts how generous are your provisions for us! Even before we are aware of our needs, you know what it is that we need. You invite us into community and provide for us out of your steadfast love: nourishment for our bodies, protection from the elements and safety. You ask in return that we respond to your love by working for justice and peaceful community: nourishment and protection for all. You expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life, but so often O God, we fail to live mindfully with others in a caring, just and righteous way. When your love and justice do not flow through our lives, our community withers, and so do we. Forgive us, God! In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your realm. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, be assured that God hears our petitions!
God continues to expect of us a life in which love prevails. This is God's desire for us. We, God's forgiven people, are free to live into that desire. God loves us still, let us love as God has demonstrated love for us through Jesus Christ. **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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Mary Ann Price (Lay Reader)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mary Ann Price (Lay Reader)

Hebrew scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 (p.575)

New Testament reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (p.994)

Gospel lesson

John 3:27-35 (p.924)

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON HYMN: "Here O My Lord I See You Face to Face" NCH #336

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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: Mary Ann Price (Lay Reader)

One: People of God, we are invited to celebrate God's loving provision with thanksgiving. We have abundant opportunities to participate with God in the care of God's people. Let our love of God lead us to generosity for the sake of those who need our help.

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

Bless, O God, these our gifts, and bless our desire to participate with you in the building of your realm among us. Accept these gifts as a sign of our love for you and for our neighbors. Amen

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We recall Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and proclaim boldly what we believe:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS (followed by instructions regarding participation in today's service of communion)

*CLOSING HYMN: "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

NCH #303

*BENEDICTION

Be encouraged by your faith in God and in your desire to live into God's expectations for your lives. Receive God's blessing as beloved children of God. Look to Jesus this week as the one who perfectly demonstrates our faith – allow him to be an example for our living. Have faith in the work and power of the Holy Spirit through whom God's work in us is accomplished.
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 **Justice and Righteousness: What God Expects, Service Prayers for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** by Henrietta Stith Andrews

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 – 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!

Mountville Community Picnic Meeting – There will be a meeting today in Fellowship Hall following the worship service to plan how TRUCC's participation the day of the picnic on August 28th.

Children's Ministry @ TRUCC information packets are available in the Narthex for the 2016-2017 Children's Ministry curriculum. If you are a parent or a Children's ministry volunteer, please take the time to read these packets. We will meet immediately following worship on August 21 to vote on a curriculum for the upcoming year (Sept. 2016-August 2017)

Trinity's Little Free Library - If you would like to donate a book or two to get the TRUCC Little Free Library started please place donations in the marked bin in the narthex. All types of books are welcomed. For questions contact Eileen Littell trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org or call 285-5593.

Wine/Beverage and Cheese Night - Saturday, August 20th 6:30 to 9:30 PM. The Dukes and the Henrys would like to invite members and guests of Trinity UCC to a beverage and snack party at the Dukes. Children are also invited to attend. With a little luck and the pastor praying for a rain-free day, the garden trains should be running. Each family is requested to bring any beverage they wish to consume and share with other guests. This includes wine, beer, soda or water – their choice. Snacks - chips, cheese, hors d'oeuvres, pretzels, etc. You are requested to take home the leftovers. Feel free to invite a friend or family member. The Duke's address is 2007 Carlton Place Lancaster.

The TRUCC Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will start up again on August 24th. Everyone is invited to join. Both rehearse on Wednesday evenings. Bell Choir meets at 6:30pm the Chancel Choir follows at 7:30pm in the sanctuary.

Today is Sunday, August 14, 2016
10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship - Kenya Offering
Community Picnic Meeting to follow service
11:30 am Welcome Table

Monday, August 15

8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, August 16

6:30 pm Consistory Meeting

8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, August 17

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, August 18

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, August 19

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, August 20

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, August 21

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship – Helping Hands
Offering

Attendance

August 9, 2015.....59

August 7, 2016.....57

Sunday, August 21 volunteers.

Trinity Café:

Jean Haines & Shirley St. Clair

Greeters: Bridgette Hancock &
Diane Fiebert

Head Usher:

Lay Reader: Bobbie Poteau

Children's Christian Education
Teacher – Karen Robinson
Helper – Gladys Drybred

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers:

Chuck & Bill Romberger-Sklarosky

**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: Mary Ann Price

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: Jean Haines & Shirley St. Clair

Greeters: Bridgette Hancock & Diane Fiebert

Head Usher:

Children's Christian Education

Teacher – Nichole Witman

Helper – Katie Crockett

Counter:

Nursery:

August Greeting Cards: Bridgette Hancock

Floral Arrangement donated by:
Kathy Jones in memory of Donald Jones

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.