

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 We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Divine One is a spring of water!

One: We may be weary from worry and work, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

One: We may be lost or confused, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

One: We may be bent over with struggle or pain, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Let us know your presence so that we may bless your holy name. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING MEDLEY

"Sanctuary:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary.

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

"Surely the Presence" (Blue Song book p.40)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

One: Isaiah's people--the people of Israel returning home from long exile--sought in the Prophet's words guidance for building God's realm: offer food to the hungry, reach out to the afflicted, remove the yokes of oppression and injustice, overcome despair and complaint in struggle.

We too, struggle with this guidance, and too often fail in our attempts to build community. Holy One, forgive us. Take away whatever holds us back. Show us the way to confidence and generosity, so that we may be known as your people: So that we may live into our calling to be repairers of broken places and restorers of safety and peace.

All: O God, with your help we can change and bring you glory.

One: Hear our silent prayers of confession, Holy God.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Though we may have strayed, when we come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, we can be sure that the peace that we are offered cannot be shaken. We will not be abandoned; indeed we will have continual guidance. Each time we feed the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted we grow in the strength of our faith and our bond with God. We are changed. Praise be to God; this simple miracle is made available to all of us, God's children.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

One: God of salvation, reveal the path to your love and grace through the light of your inspired word. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

Hebrew scripture

Isaiah 58:9b-14 (p.638)

New Testament reading

Hebrews 12:18-29 (p.1052)

Gospel lesson

Luke 13:10-17 (p.906)

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON HYMN "Come, We Who Love God's Name" New Century Hymnal #379

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

**Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Incline your ear to
us, and grant us your peace.**

CALL TO OFFERING: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

One: As God's blessed and compassionate workers, let us participate in the
healing reign of Jesus through our gifts and offerings given at this time.

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 (x2)

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: With reverence and awe for your ways, we offer our gifts for the work of love and justice, the work of healing, restoring and liberating in your holy name, God of our hearts. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” NCH # 307

***BENEDICTION**

Now let us go forth in God’s love, and with God’s power let us help all people to “stand up straight”, no matter how long they have been infirm and no matter what day of the week it is! Go and offer wholeness in the name of God.

***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 **Healing Reign: Service Prayers for the 14th 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.

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!

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 today's Worship Service to vote on a curriculum for the upcoming year (Sept. 2016-August 2017)

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.

Ministry Fair: Beginning this fall TRUCC will be hosting "pop-up" ministry fairs. These impromptu fairs are one way that we can directly offer our surrounding community a glimpse of the many great things that TRUCC has to offer: radical hospitality, creative worship, thoughtful reflection of scripture, and a Spirit-filled desire for God's justice! Volunteers are needed to accompany Pastor Don to community events with about a week's notice to invite curious seekers to be part of "the next big thing" in the local church scene!

Labyrinth Walks: If you've never walked a labyrinth before, you may want to take advantage of some upcoming opportunities to experience this ancient form of "walking prayer". St. Thomas Episcopal Church (310 St. Thomas Rd., Lancaster) will hold a special "moonlight labyrinth walk" on Friday September 16th @ 7:30pm. For those of you willing to travel a bit further, Christ Episcopal Church (5th NS Court Sts., Reading) has labyrinth walks each 4th Friday of the month at 11:30am and at 4pm.

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.

<p>Today is Sunday, August 21, 2016</p> <p>10:00 am Trinity Café</p> <p>10:30 am Worship – Helping Hands offering</p> <p>Following the Worship service Children’s Ministry Volunteer Meeting</p> <p>Monday, August 22</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p> <p>Tuesday, August 23</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p> <p>Wednesday, August 24</p> <p>5:30 pm KPETS</p> <p>6:30 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Thursday, August 25</p> <p>6:30 pm Lancaster Fossil & Mineral Club</p> <p>Friday, August 26</p> <p>No Activities Scheduled</p> <p>Saturday, August 27</p> <p>7:00 am Feed the Hungry @ Salem UCC</p> <p>11:00 am Private Event – Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Sunday, August 28</p> <p>10:00 am Trinity Café</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>August 16, 2015.....85</p> <p>August 14, 2016.....60</p>	<p>Sunday, August 28 volunteers.</p> <p>Trinity Café: Jean Haines & Shirley St. Clair</p> <p>Greeters: Bridgette Hancock & Diane Fiebert</p> <p>Head Usher:</p> <p>Lay Reader:</p> <p>Children’s Christian Education Teacher – Nancy Henry Helper –</p> <p>Nursery:</p> <p>Counter:</p> <p>Altar Flowers: Janie Kaminski</p> <p>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.</p>
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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: Jean Haines & Shirley St. Clair

Greeters: Bridgette Hancock & Diane Fiebert

Head Usher:

Children's Christian Education

Teacher – Karen Robinson

Helper – Gladys Drybred

Counter:

Nursery:

August Greeting Cards: Bridgette Hancock

Floral Arrangement donated by:

Chuck & Bill Sklarosky-Romberger in memory of Rose Sklarosky

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.