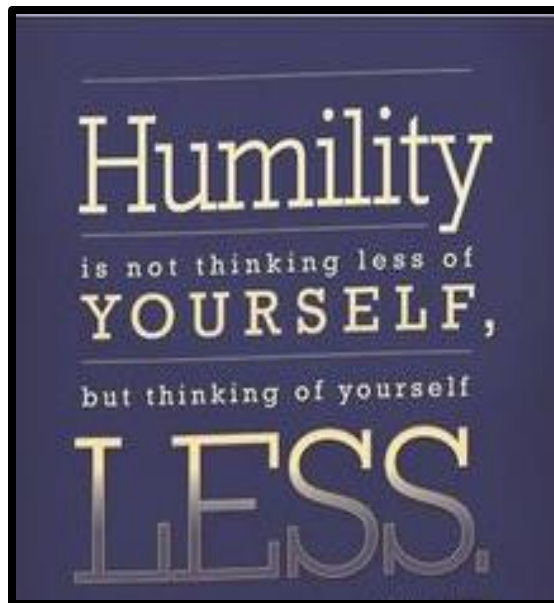


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**August 28, 2016**



**God is Still Speaking**

## PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

**All: God, our Host, welcomes us.**

One: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

**All: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.**

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

**All: An abundant feast for all—the satisfaction of our soul's hunger.  
Let us worship God!**

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!**

**Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*OPENING MEDLEY: "Lord, I lift Your Name on High" Blue Songbook p.13  
"Shout to the Lord" BSB p.54

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

### INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

One: Dear God, we have known you since the time you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom. We have found no fault in your promise. Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality. We forsake your blessing.

**All: Forgive our faithlessness and restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: God is merciful and slow to anger. God seeks the lost and extends the invitation to peace and fulfilment again and again. God welcomes us when we turn to God. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

**All: in Jesus Christ, 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (lay reader)

One: Generous Provider, we need your guidance as we seek the fulfillment of our hungers. Grant us the sustenance of your Holy Spirit of truth as we receive your word this day. Amen

### SCRIPTURE READINGS (lay reader)

Hebrew scripture

New Testament reading

Gospel lesson

**Proverbs 25:6-7** (p.567)

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** (p.1052)

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14** (p.907)

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" New Century Hymnal #393

### 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 (lay reader)

One: As God has welcomed us, let us extend God's blessings by sharing our tithes and offerings in support of Christ's ministry today.

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

**All: Dear God, you have offered us a place at the table and you have called us to share without expectation of being repaid. You have called us to make a place for the poor, the outcast and the oppressed. So we ask that you bless these resources so that they might support ministries of compassion and justice until all of your children have a place at the table. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" NCH #55

\*BENEDICTION

As you have entered this sanctuary at God's invitation, go into the world renewed and restored. Go into the world to share the Good News that there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table. Go into the world to share God's bounty. 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 **Look Who's Invited! Service Prayers for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost**, by the Rev. Christopher Ney

## 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 by the front doors. Thanks!

**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!

**NAACP Community Discussion** - On Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm TRUCC will host the next session of an ongoing community conversation that began after recent violence against city police in Columbia and Lancaster. The Lancaster NAACP will facilitate this conversation between local community members, police officers, civic leaders, clergy, and community members. If you've been concerned about the problems of violence that have divided so many communities across the country, and felt helpless to imagine a constructive response, this gathering will provide an opportunity to make a real difference in yourself and in national conversations.

**Challenging Faith** - TRUCC's weekly Bible discussion group will resume this September 4th from 1:00pm-2:30pm. Throughout the month of September we will embark on a *HOLY ADVENTURE* as we explore the Bible's stories about spiritual risk-taking and co-creating with God.

Then, beginning in October, we will begin lively and thoughtful conversations about Hebrew prophecy in the Old Testament, and the ways that we can use ancient wisdom to offer hope in an anxious world.

In case you haven't heard, the UCC's General Synod meeting for June 2017 is going to be held in nearby Baltimore, MD! This presents a unique opportunity to see how the UCC works and worships when members from across the whole USA (and some other places, too) gather for this celebration of all things UCC. In preparation for this event, we will be dedicating occasional sessions of Challenging Faith to discussions of UCC history, ecclesiology (the way we "do church"), and polity (the way things are run in the denomination). I will announce these sessions in advance as planning develops throughout the coming year. Some of our regular participants have said that this is, "the best Bible study that Trinity has ever had."

Come check out what the buzz is all about. Expect to see scripture in a whole new way!

**Mountville Community Yard Sale**—Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am. TRUCC will be renting parking spaces at \$10.00 for 2 spaces to anyone that would like set up a table. There are only limited spaces available. In case of inclement weather spots will be available inside fellowship hall. If interested call Eileen Littell at 717-285-5593 or email [trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org](mailto:trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org).

Today is Sunday, August 28, 2016

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship

Monday, August 29

8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, August 31

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 1

1:00 pm Lions Club Sub-maker

6:00 pm NAACP Community Discussion

Friday, September 2

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, September 3

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 4

9:45 am Deacon Meeting

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship

Attendance

August 23, 2015.....60

August 21, 2016.....70

**Sunday, September 4th volunteers**

Trinity Café: Helen Yohe

Greeters: Esther Markey &  
Dee Koller

Head Usher: Tom Robinson

Lay Reader:

Children's Christian Education  
Teacher –  
Helper –

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Bobbie Poteau &  
Peg Harper

**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 in the  
narthex.**

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader:

## **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      Head Usher:

Greeters: Bridgette Hancock & Diane Fiebert

Counter:

Nursery:

## **Children's Christian Education**

Teacher – Nancy Henry

Helper –

August Greeting Cards: Bridgette Hancock

Floral Arrangement donated by:  
Janie Kaminski in memory of Annetta Neiss

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