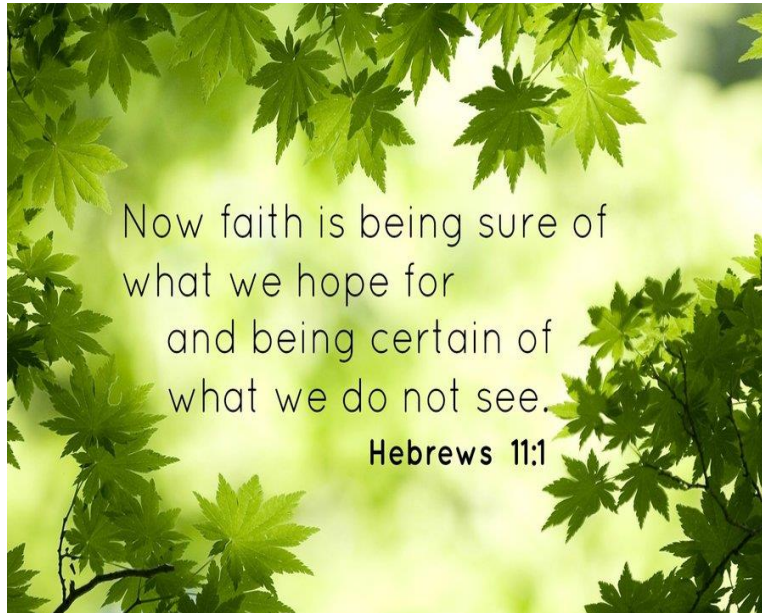


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August 7, 2016



**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

## PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us worship the eternal God,

All: **who is ever-faithful, in whom we can trust.**

One: Let us worship Jesus Christ,

All: **who takes our burdens from us and lives among us.**

One: Let us worship the Holy Spirit,

All: **the Living Presence, who teaches us to be trustworthy.**

One: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

One: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for the conviction of things not seen. We come convinced of many things, but trusting very few.

All: **People: Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place. Enable us to touch that which we cannot see and embrace that which we have not dared to hope. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Great is Your Faithfulness" New Century Hymnal #423

## A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to celebrate with joy the wonders of your love. We create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel. Our music soars to the heavens in praise of you. Yet how often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts and intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be ready to serve you at any time, but we place our commitment on the "to do" list of life; we will do these things when we get to them. Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort before we engage in acts of justice and mercy.**

**Open our eyes and ears to the cries of those in need. Help us to give and also to receive ministries of love and reconciliation as we serve you with our whole hearts. Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect your awesome and abundant love for us. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GODS LOVE

It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. It is our joy to serve God by helping each other and all those in need. Be assured of God's tender mercy toward you and continue that love in all that you do. Amen.

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Bridgette Hancock, lay reader)

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: (Bridgette Hancock, lay reader)

Genesis 15: 1-6 (page 11)

Psalm 33: 12-22 (page 481)

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 (page 1050 & 1051)

Luke 12: 32-40 (page 905)

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE:

“Faith”

Charlie Miller

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“If We’re Honest”

by Francesca Battistelli

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. (2xs)**

CALL TO OFFERING: (Bridgette Hancock, lay reader)

By faith we understand that everything seen was made by God from things that are not visible. By faith we bring these things, especially our very selves as co-creating partners for constructing a heavenly homeland on earth, whose architect and builder is God.

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

**Life-giving God, by faith we obey your call to set before you the promise and inheritance of who we are and what we have, which you have first given to us in love. May our humble offering be pleasing in your sight and multiply, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore, for the greater good of all creation. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN:

"By Faith"

(see insert)

## BENEDICTION

Go now like those prepared for the Lord to return.

Cease to do evil, learn to do good;

seek justice, rescue the oppressed.

Give freely to those in need and let your treasure be in the things of heaven

And may God not be ashamed to be called your God;

May Christ Jesus find you attentive and well prepared;

And may the Holy Spirit give you the assurance

...of all that has been promised to you.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*SUNG BENEDICTION (*See inside back of hymnal*)

\*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

\*POSTLUDE

\* Indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit.

## 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!

**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](mailto:trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org) or call 285-5593.

**Volunteers needed** to shuck and freeze 40 dozen ears of corn on Thursday, August 11th. Corn will be delivered at 8:00 am. Any time you can help will be great!

**Mountville Community Picnic Meeting** – There will be a meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall following the worship service to plan how TRUCC's participation the day of the picnic on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Wine/Beverage and Cheese Night** - Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mountville Community Yard Sale**—Saturday September 17th 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 7, 2016  
9:45 am Deacon Meeting  
10:00 am Trinity Café  
10:30 am Worship –Charlie Miller, Guest Speaker.

Monday, August 8  
8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, August 9  
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, August 10  
No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, August 11  
8:00 am Corn Shucking & Freezing

Friday, August 12  
No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, August 13  
No Activities Scheduled

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

Attendance  
August 2, 2015.....60  
July 31, 2016.....70

**Sunday, August 7 volunteers.**

Trinity Café:  
Jean Haines & Shirley St. Clair

Greeters: Bridgette Hancock &  
Diane Fiebert

Head Usher:

Lay Reader: Bridgette Hancock

Children’s Christian Education  
Teacher – Nichole Witman  
Helper – Katie Crocket

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Kathy Jones

**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: Charlie Miller

Lay Reader: Bridgette Hancock

## **Ministry of Music**

Music Director, Chancel Choir Shannon Edwards

Bell Choir Director: Daniel Molkenthin

## **Sound Technician**

Mark Cote and Charlie Miller

## **Ministry of Service**

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Counter:	Nursery:
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August Greeting Cards: Bridgette Hancock

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