

**Welcome to**  
**Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
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**September 11, 2016**



**God is Still Speaking**

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL OFFERING

\*INVOCATION IN SONG: "Sanctuary" "Total Praise" (inside flap of Blue Song Book)

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

ANTHEM: "This is the Time I Must Sing (Gaither/Arr. Kirkland)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself.

**All: But how often have we lived as if we did not care about you?**

One: How often have we become the ones who fail to realize your just peace?

**All: How often have we ignored the needs of others even as you stand with them?**

One: How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the air, the earth and the waters?

**All: Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.**

One: Know, All Loving God, that we want to be among those whom you seek out and empower to repair the world.

**All: Shower your mercy upon us. Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.**

One: Let us offer our silent confessions to Almighty God.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy! **Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)

“Spirit of the Living God” (New Century Hymnal #283)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Kelly Cote (lay reader)

The psalmist writes, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” As we receive your word today, Blessed Refuge, help us to see and hear anew, that we may live anew. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Kelly Cote (lay reader)

New Testament reading: 1 Peter 4:12-16a (page 1060)

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN: “Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart” (NCH #290)

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

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:

**All: O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**When I call answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**Come and listen to me. (x2)**

CALL TO OFFERING: Kelly Cote (lay reader)

One: The people of God are showered with an abundance of mercy from our Provider. Like the apostles who walked with Christ in his earthly ministry, we are called to go forth and tell the story of salvation and redemption in our lives so that others may also be inspired. One of the ways in which we tell the story is through the giving of gifts to God. In our gift-giving we participate with God in providing for the needs of God’s people.

## OFFERTORY

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

**All: 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: May our gifts become symbols of our intention to minister with God to abundantly fulfill the real needs of all people.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Shine Jesus Shine" (Blue Song Book pg.58)

### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth from this gathering rejoicing and knowing that your relationship with God is your sanctuary. You are loved, sought after and cared for in the name of God the Creator, Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (BSB pg.48)

\*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

### \*POSTLUDE

\*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit, as you are able.

If you use social media we encourage you to check in during today's service to let others know about TRUCC.

Portions of this morning's service were excerpted and adapted from **From Despair to Rejoicing: Service Prayers for the 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Challenging Faith** - TRUCC's weekly Bible discussion group will resume today 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!

**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!

**Nolt Brothers Chicken BBQ**—Saturday, September 17th in the Parking lot of TRUCC at 10:00 am - 2:00pm. A meal for \$8.00 includes a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, drink, and snack. A limited number of 1/2 chickens will be available for \$5.00. Cookies donations are needed. Please refrain from anything with nuts in consideration of those with peanut allergies.

**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).

**TRUCC Rummage Sale**—Friday, October 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00—8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). Instead of charging a set price per item. All sales are by donation. Donations of fall and winter items are appreciated. **NO FURNITURE ACCEPTED.** We need volunteers to help set-up in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 19th and during the sale. Watch for sign-up sheets.

Today is Sunday, September 11, 2016

10:00 am Trinity Café  
10:30 am Worship  
12:00 pm Welcome Table  
1:00 pm Bible Discussion (more information on page 5)

Monday, September 12

8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 am Lancaster Ministerium  
@ Zion UCC  
6:30 pm Lions Club  
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, September 14

6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 15

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, September 16

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, September 17

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 18

10:00 am Trinity Café  
10:30 am Worship – Helping Hands  
Offering  
1:00 pm Bible Discussion (more information on page 5)

**September 18th volunteers**

Trinity Café: Helen Yohe

Greeters: Esther Markey & Dee Koller

Head Usher: Tom Robinson

Lay Reader: Alice Heitmueller

Children’s Christian Education:  
Teacher  
Helper

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Ray & Louise Bechtold

**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.**

Attendance

September 6, 2015.....52  
September 4, 2016.....64

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Kelly Cote

## **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: Helen Yohe

Head Usher: Tom Robinson

Greeters: Esther Markey & Dee Koller

Counter:

Nursery:

## **Children's Christian Education**

Teacher –

Helper –

September Greeting Cards: Alice Heitmueller

Floral Arrangement donated by:  
Nancy Henry in honor of Lori Leaman's Birthday

***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.***