

**Welcome to**  
**Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
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**September 25, 2016**



**God is Still Speaking**

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVOCATION IN SONG: Medley

“Ancient Word” Songbook pg. 18 vs 1-3

“We Declare Your Majesty” SB pg. 10

“Open Our Eyes” SB pg. 12

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE “Broken Angels”

ANTHEM: “Almighty” Mchugh/Ar.r. Barker

UNISON PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

**All: Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may faithfully carry your grace into a broken world. But we get distracted by the customs and self-serving desires that are held up like false gods within that brokenness. Liberate us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression. Hear our silent confessions, merciful God...**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVING PARDON

One: In the person of Jesus, God invites us to discover the freedom and new life that God offers us. God’s forgiveness heals us. God’s grace dispels our weariness and discouragement. God’s love clears our vision. God’s compassion lifts our burdens. We are made new!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated) “Majesty” SB pg. 42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Joanne Duke (Lay Reader)

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit, by loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion as we receive your holy wisdom this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Joanne Duke (Lay Reader)

New Testament reading

**1 Timothy 6:7-15** (p.1036)

Gospel lesson

**Matthew 5:33-37** {p.838}

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC MEDITATION

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE: Pastor Don

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.**

COMMISIONING OF ELDERS (see insert)

CALL TO OFFERING: Joanne Duke (Lay Reader)

One: In thanksgiving for our shared life together, let us share our offerings for the work of the church.

OFFERTORY: Bell Choir "He is Lord"

\*THE DOXOLOGY

**Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)**

**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.**

\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: God of life, we have shared what we have with Your church. With thanksgiving we pray with one voice:

**All: Praise God the Source of Life and Birth.  
Praise God the Word who came to earth.  
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame.  
All Honor, Glory to God's Name.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" NCH #423

\*BENEDICTION

\*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 **God Keeps Faith Forever: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost** by the Rev. Heather A. Moody, from **Life that is Really Life, A Service of Holy Communion for Pentecost 19**, by the Rev. Ashley Goff, and from **Revised Common Lectionary Prayers** copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## 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!

**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!

**Outdoor Church: Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** TRUCC will be holding a brief worship service and celebration of World Communion Sunday, beginning at **10:30 am**. Immediately afterward we will be having a potluck lunch and time of fellowship in the park. All of this will take place at the **Mountville Borough Park**. For directions call the Borough office at 717-285-5547.

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

**No Bible Study on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.** We will be celebrating together at our **Annual Church Picnic** at the **Mountville Borough Park**.

**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.

**Blood Drive**—Monday, November 7 from 1:00—6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Why give blood? The need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply...and you'll feel good knowing you helped save a life! The Mountville Lions Club has snacks and refreshments available and are very supportive and friendly. For an appointment please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-red-cross (1-800-733-2767).

Today is Sunday, September 25, 2016

10:00 am Trinity Café  
10:30 am Worship  
1:00 pm Bible Discussion (more information on page 6)

Monday, September 26

3:30 pm Campailli Wedding  
8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, September 27

6:30 pm Lions Club  
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 pm KPETS (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 29

8:00 am Soup Makers (FH kitchen)

Friday, September 30

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, October 1

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, October 2

9:45 am Deacon Meeting  
10:30 am Outdoor Worship @ Mountville Borough Park

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteers**

**Trinity Café is canceled due to the Annual Church Picnic**

Greeters: Esther Markey & Dee Koller

Head Usher: Tom Robinson

Lay Reader: Mark Cote

Children's Christian Education:  
Dee Koller  
Nancy Henry  
Chuck Romberger

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Janie Kaminski

**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 20, 2015.....50  
September 18, 2016.....68

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Joanne Duke

## **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: Nancy Henry

Nursery:

## **Children's Christian Education**

Teachers: Shannon Beck, Wanda Nace & Gail Crissey

September Greeting Cards: Alice Heitmueller

Floral Arrangement donated by:  
Bonnie Crone in memory of relatives who have passed away.

***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.***