

**Welcome to**  
**Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
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**September 4, 2016**



**God is Still Speaking**

## PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Oh Great Creator, allow us to enter into this space to worship you.

**All: We have come to place the clay of our lives in your hands, so that we might be shaped and fashioned into vessels for your Spirit who will mend those who suffer, heal the sick, and offer the outcast loving shelter. Create in us the spirit to serve those who are broken from laboring in life and war.**

One: Bless us with a new attitude to serve you and your people.

**All: Amen**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*OPENING HYMN: "Come Now is the Time to Worship" Song Book p. 24

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

### INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

One: We have witnessed the suffering of those who have been broken by misfortune and conflict

**All: We confess that you are a God of love and peace.**

One: Too often we have stood by without extending a helping hand.

**All: We confess that you are a God of love and peace.**

One: Sometimes we have looked down upon them in their suffering.

**All: We confess that you are a God of love and peace.**

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: God's word assures us that everything we need to be disciples in the Potter's House. God is able to place us on the wheel and shape us into vessels that will serve all people. We can worship and fellowship in this place with the assurance that we are being molded daily by the Divine Potter and when we allow God to guide us we shall love with holy hearts. Let us give thanks to the Word of God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated) "Majesty" SB p.42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

One: God of creation and redemption, as we receive your word today, let us be shaped by the wisdom of your Holy Spirit of truth. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-6 pg. 666

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN/MUSIC MEDITATION: "No Higher Calling" SB pg. 11

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: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

One: Let us celebrate together, for God has blessed us. Let us share our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

## 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 (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.**

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Gracious God we thank you for the opportunity to give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your realm on earth. Bless every gift, tithe, and offering that's deposited into your Kingdom today; we offer this prayer in your holy name. Amen**

\*COMMUNION HYMN: "Come Just as You Are" SB pg. 3

COMMUNION LITURGY SB inside front cover

\*CLOSING HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" SB pg. 52

### \*BENEDICTION

Leave this gathering—this Holy Communion—knowing that all things are possible in the Potter's House! Go into the world, walk in love, share the healing power of God with everyone, and allow the peace of God that is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in perfect peace. 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 **A Labor of Care for the Broken: Service Prayers for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**, by LT Leticia Rouser

## 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.

**Building Labyrinths** - A viewing of the video "Building Labyrinths on the Earth for Spiritual and Physical Well Being with Mary Cain," a Master Dowser and Labyrinth builder will be held today, Sunday September 4th at 1:15 PM at Marilyn Shertzer's home 336 Richland Lane, Mount Joy, PA 17552 717 492-8186. If you are interested but unable to make the viewing at this time, please call Marilyn to set up an alternative viewing opportunity.

**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 September 11 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!

**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, September 4, 2016  
 9:45 am Deacon Meeting  
 10:00 am Trinity Café  
 10:30 am Worship  
 1:15 pm Building Labyrinths @ Marilyn Shertzer's Home (see more information on page 5)

Monday, September 5  
 Labor Day Church office closed  
 9:00 am Columbia Ministerium  
 8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, September 6  
 7:00 pm Guild Meeting & Kick Off  
 8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, September 7  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 8  
 No Activities Scheduled

Friday, September 9  
 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, September 10  
 No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 11  
 10:00 am Trinity Café  
 10:30 am Worship – Kenya Offering  
 12:00 pm Welcome Table

**September 11th volunteers**

Trinity Café: Helen Yohe

Greeters: Esther Markey & Dee Koller

Head Usher: Tom Robinson

Lay Reader: Kelly Cote

Children's Christian Education Teacher –  
 Helper –

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Nancy Henry

**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

August 30 2015.....52  
 August 28, 2016.....52

## **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: 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:

Peg Harper and Bobbie Poteau in honor of Bobbie's Mother Slyvia

***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.***