

**WHERE
YOUR
TREASURE
IS...**



*There
your heart
will be
also*

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COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather in the name of our loving creator.

ALL: Our God cares for the ravens and adorns the lilies in beauty.

One: We gather in the name of Jesus.

ALL: Our Savior teaches that we should not worry over food or clothing.

One: We gather in the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit

ALL: The Spirit leads us in the ways of the Kingdom.

One: We find what is valuable in life with God.

ALL: We gather to place our hearts in the treasure that is God's eternal love.

***OPENING HYMN For the Fruits of All Creation #425**

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of our Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING GRACE

One: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER

One: Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12: 22-34

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell

you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

**Treasure Hunters
Reverend Patty Dodds**

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS

ALL: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Response to the prayers

One: Christ in your Mercy,

ALL: Hear our Prayer.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father, who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: God has abundantly blessed us and calls us to be a community that honors each other, to be servants to others with joy, to share our love and material possessions.

One: Let us honor God from thankful hearts and joyful spirits.

ALL: God of extravagant mercy, we come to dedicate all our offerings to you. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good news. May all that we dedicate -- our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management -- announce your reign and the nearness of your kingdom. We give with joy, thanking you for the opportunity to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, ... now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the gift of the Lord's Supper

One: Having now shared in the feast that is God's sign of his coming kingdom, let us pray with confidence and hope;

ALL: We give you thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth in courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

***CLOSING HYMN Knowing You #47 in Blue Folder**

**All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres,
and wars to own, all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.**

**(Refrain:) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love
You, Lord.**

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You,
And known as Yours, to possess by faith what I could not earn; All
surpassing gift of righteousness.**

**(Refrain:) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love
You, Lord.**

**Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life, and to know You in Your
sufferings, to become like You in Your death, my Lord;
So with You to live, and never die.**

**(Refrain:) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love
You, Lord, love You, Lord.**

***COMMISSION**

Pastor: As we prepare to leave this place, let us proclaim the ministry to which
God has called us:

**People: We will go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; and
with God's help, let us be of good courage, holding fast to that which is
good; With Christ as our model, we will render to no one evil for evil; we
will strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help the afflicted and
honor all people. Let us rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)

GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

***indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit**

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Announcements:

Masks are no longer required in our building. Members and friends should determine based on their personal health and vaccination status if they wish to continue wearing one. Also please be sensitive to one another's need for continued social distancing.

This Sunday's Flowers donated by Helen Yohe "in honor of Gene's Birthday!"

Next Sunday, August 8th, Scripture: Romans 8: 1-8, 31-39

August 15th- Campfire at the Wittel Farm in Etown from 8-9PM. We will carpool from church. Please sign up!

THE GUILD KICK OFF MEETING- Please join us in planning Guild fundraisers and special events at Trinity. We need and welcome your help.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHEN: Tuesday, September 7th (Always the first Tuesday of month.)

TIME: 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendar for September 12th – We will have a special service to celebrate being together again followed by a meal.

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Mark your Calendars for our next Chicken Barbeque and Rummage Sale on September 18th.

Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be August 12th from 6-9pm. Bring your own craft or come to chat.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

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