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all suffer together with it;
if one member is honored,
all rejoice *together* with it.

Now you are the body of Christ
and individually members of it.

-I Corinthians 12:26-27
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COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God who is One, calls us to be one,

ALL: May we be one with all who are made in Your image.

One: God who is Three, calls us to be community,

ALL: May we find community with all who are called by Your name.

One: God who is Spirit challenges us to listen and learn

ALL: May we respond with prayer and praise; with acts of comfort and compassion.

One: For we are the body of Christ

ALL: The Spirit dwells in our midst.

***OPENING HYMN Blessed Be the Tie That binds #393**

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.

Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comfort and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

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 1 Corinthians 12: 4-14, 26-31

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another

prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

The Body Of Christ
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 COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

***CLOSING HYMN Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant #539**

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

***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: Chuck Romberger and Bill Sklarosky
"For Peg and Rose"**

Next Sunday, August 29th, Scripture: First Corinthians 13

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

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. We will have an opportunity to recognize the grief and loss we experienced during these months and will recommit ourselves to the ministry of our church. Worship will be followed by a meal of baked potatoes with all the toppings. **THERE WILL BE CAKE!**

We have posted a wish list in the Narthex- Can you help with an item or more? We will gather all of the items at our September 12th celebration.

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.

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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