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# COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Gracious God we rejoice to gather in your name.

**ALL: Jesus, savior, we give thanks for the peace you give us.**

One: Holy Spirit incline our minds to things that are true and just,  
things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

**ALL: We strive to live reflecting all that we have heard and seen of Jesus' way.**

One: We can do all things, O God through the strength you supply.

**ALL: Holy God, with great joy we worship you!**

### **\*OPENING HYMN Joys are Flowing like a River #284**

**Joys are flowing like a river, since the Comforter has come;**

**Christ abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart a home.**

**(Refrain:) Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.**

**On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.**

**Bringing life and health and gladness all around, this heavenly Guest**

**Banished unbelief and sadness, changed our weariness to rest.**

**(Refrain:) Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.**

**On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.**

**Like the rain that falls from heaven, like the sunlight from the sky,**

**So the Spirit too is given, coming on us from on high.**

**(Refrain:) Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.**

**On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.**

**See, a fruitful field is growing, blessed fruit of righteousness.**

**And the streams of life are flowing in the lonely wilderness.**

**(Refrain:) Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.**

**On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.**

**What a wonderful salvation, when we always see Christ's face,**

**What a perfect habitation, what a quiet resting place.**

**(Refrain:) Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.**

**On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.**

## **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 **Philippians 4: 1-13 NRSV**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed

and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **MESSAGE**

**Through Prayer to Peace  
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 What A Friend we have in Jesus #506**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heaven laden, burdened with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to our God in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer!  
Jesus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

## \*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: The Himpsls "In memory of daughter Michelle Lynn and mom Helen Gainer"**

**Next Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Scripture: Psalm 133**

**Kathleen Campbell will be 90 on September 25<sup>th</sup>.** She would like a card shower her address is Oak Leaf Manor North, Room D8, 2101 Wabank Road  
Millersville, PA 17551

**Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> (Always the first Tuesday of month.)

**TIME:** 7:00 pm.

**Mark your calendar for September 12<sup>th</sup>** – 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**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](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

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**Serving This Week:**

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