



## **TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

### **GREETING – Psalm 118: 24**

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **GATHERING MUSIC      THIS IS THE DAY #84**

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34:1-3, 8)**

One: I will bless the LORD at all times;

**ALL: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

One: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**ALL: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify the LORD with me,

**ALL: And let us exalt God's name together.**

**Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
One whose word can not be broken formed you for a blessed abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.**

**See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal Love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage:  
Grace which, like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age?**

**'Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that their God is near!  
Thus delivering from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

**Savior, if of Zion's city we through grace a part may claim,  
Let the world deride or pity, we will glory in your name.  
Fading is all worldly pleasure, all earth's boasted pomp show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures, none but Zion's children know.**

**\* UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven  
above or on earth below. You keep covenant and offer steadfast love with  
all who walk before you with all their hearts. Fill our lives with your glory,  
as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into  
your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand  
the forces of evil and remain faithful to you. Amen.**

**ALL: 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.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE**

### **SCRIPTURE:**

**1 Kings 5:1-5; 8: 1-13 ; 8: 22-24, 27-30** New Revised Standard Version

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests

could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon said,

“The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.  
I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.”

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

‘But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**MESSAGE**

**A House For God**

**Reverend Patty Dodds**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*HYMN**

**Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

**#59**

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and blight;  
Holy Spirit ever raising earth-bound souls to glory high;  
Living, life imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people's cease-less strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:  
In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un-priced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry  
Quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul,  
In community unending you we worship and extol.**

## PRAYERS

### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength.

**ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all our offerings.

**ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen**

**\*HYMN**

**We Love Your Realm, O God**

**#312**

**We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.  
We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.**

**We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life  
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.**

**We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved  
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.**

**Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,  
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.**

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**\*COMMISSION**

One: We have come together in this church to worship.

**ALL: No place, including this place can contain the fullness of God.**

One: But God's name is indeed here.

**ALL: God's ears have been open to our praise and prayers.**

**God's eyes Have been open to what we have done.**

One: Soon we will leave this building, but we are always the church, the body of Christ.

**ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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## **Worship Resources:**

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## **Announcements:**

**\*Our next Congregational Meeting will be held Today, October 31<sup>st</sup>, following the service. Please plan to stay after the service for this meeting!**

**Guild Fall Rummage Sale** will be held on November 19 from 8-2pm and November 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-12pm. There will also be a variety of soups for sale. Volunteers are needed! If interested in volunteering, please sign up in the Narthex.

**Lancaster Fossil and Mineral Club Showcase a will be held on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm.** The Guild will be making and selling soups, drinks, baked goods, sandwiches, and snacks at the Showcase. We will need volunteers to bake desserts and help sell them at the sale.

**The Guild will continue to meet at 3 pm on the first Tuesday** of the month. EXCEPT in November when there is a conflict with Election Day, we will meet on Wednesday November 3

**Next Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:1-18**

**Join us for Bible Study each Monday at 7pm by Zoom.** We will discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's sermon. The Zoom link will be emailed Monday morning.

**Join us for our study of the book Reunion: A Bible Study for Churches Getting Back Together** Our next meeting will be October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm

**Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.** Bring your own craft or come to chat.

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

**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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