

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 2, 2020

10:30am On-line Worship

Holy Communion

*Welcome to Trinity United Church of Christ. It is truly a blessing that we all have gathered to worship today! If this is your first time with us, or if you have come to this sacred space your entire life, it is a blessing that we are all here together. Trinity truly believes that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!** Enter to worship today, but stick around to see what God is doing in this place!*

Congregational responses in bold print.

WELCOME/TIME OF SHARING

PRELUDE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust in God, and know God's ways;
For God leads us in the way of right-living.

Trust in Christ, and know Christ's ways;
For Christ leads us to eternal life by putting to death the ways of this world.

Trust in the Holy Spirit, and know the Spirit's ways;
For the Spirit binds us together, and sends us forth to do God's work in this world.

Come, worship God, Three-in-One, in whom we trust our hearts and lives.
Come, worship God, who calls us into beloved community.

HYMN #42 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1 and 4)
John McKay, Song Leader

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, you see us. You see our struggles and our difficulties.

You know our possibilities and our promise. Connect the dots for us, O God.

Soften the hard spots with your blessing. Call us in our wandering to hear you say our names.

Satisfy our longings as with loaves and fishes and manna from heaven. For you are a good God, a God present in the scramble, and in the end you always, always have a blessing.

For this and so much more, we give you thanks, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER – "Come to the Table of Grace" (V1, insert)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the poor, the downtrodden, the oppressed: we confess to you that we have looked to ourselves and ignored the needs of others. We confess that we have not sought justice, but rather stumbled after wealth and worldly success. We confess that we have given in to greed over your ways time and again. Forgive us. Call us away from the vanity of this world that will never satisfy. Call us away from the desire for short-term happiness that is limited to few, over the work of justice and restoration that will bring wholeness to the world. Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, in your many names we pray. Amen.

(MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION)

GLORIA PATRAI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55:1-5

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

"An Abundance of Leftovers"

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO PRAYER – **"Come to the Table of Grace"** (V2, insert)

*Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.
This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.*

SHARING THE MEAL AROUND THE TABLE

*(Please have your choice of bread and juice ready for our time of communion.
Trinity's table is open to all. Welcome to the table!)*

INVITATION

On the road to Emmaus, our risen Savior, who at the table with two
of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.
Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.
**In company with all believers in every time and beyond time,
we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Giver of wisdom and knowledge, we remember your Word of justice and love which was
spoken boldly in the lives of so many men and women who have gone before us in our faith, and we
pray that we may be like them in service, witness, and grace.

**So too, we remember this day your Word made flesh, in the man called Jesus. Who
showed us the inclusive sweep of your love through radical acts of self-giving
and stories which even today we love to tell read. As we eat this bread and drink this cup
may we be strengthened to follow in the path of Jesus and carry your Good News of hope
and justice to those around us who lack life's basics like shelter, food, and education.
May this holy meal strengthen our compassion and resolve to advocate for all. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO PRAYER "Come to the Table" (vs 3 and 4, Insert)

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.

This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

WORDS TO REMEMBER THE MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world. Amen.

SHARING OF THE GIFTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for this spiritual food. By the power of your Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ. Amen.

HYMN #522 "I Love to Tell The Story"

John McKay, Song Leader

FINAL BLESSING

May God's peace: carry, keep and hold you.

God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you.

May God's spirit: inspire, lift and mold you.

May our Triune God be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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Our worship participants today are:

Pastor Fred Young
Organist: Audrey Blackstone
Song Leader: John McKay
Liturgist: Kara Young

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem- er's praise,
2 My gra- cious Sav- ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839

Alternate tune: RICHMOND

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I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat
4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

Born in Clapham, England, Katherine Hankey belonged to the Clapham Sect of Evangelicals and established a Bible class for girls in London's West End. This hymn is drawn from her extended poem on the life of Jesus, which also contains "Tell me the old, old story."

Tune: HANKEY 7.6.7.6.D. with refrain

William G. Fischer, 1869

Can't

Of Je - sus' ra - diant glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.
 than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when I sing in glo - ry, I know the new, new song

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; and when I am in glo - ry

I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus' end - less love.