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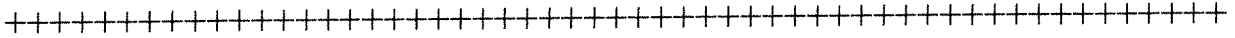
***Where God is Still Speaking!***

**Trinity United Church of Christ**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

8AM and 10:30AM Worship

*Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!*



*Congregational responses in bold print.*

*\* Denotes standing as you are able.*

TIME OF SHARING

GREETING

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here.

We gather in the name of the Triune God,  
The Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

PRELUDE – “How Firm a Foundation”- *Setting by J. Martin*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
**let us kneel before God, our Maker.**

Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of God is to be praised.**

It is good to give thanks to God,  
to sing praises to your name, O most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.**

\*HYMN #407 “How Firm a Foundation”

PRAYER

**O God of the morning and of the evening hours,  
let your Spirit come on us here gathered.**

**This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith,  
joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE #84 “This is the Day” (v 1)**

***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.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have promised to live as your people, God.  
**Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another.**

We do not honor one another as we should.  
**As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy.**

We do not work together as one to your glory.  
**We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry.**

We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us.  
**Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us.  
Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves  
anew to live as those who belong to you;  
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Moment of Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news: In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,  
we learn that God’s love has no bounds.  
In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God Put a Rainbow in the Cloud”

*by Andrew Jenkins*

**Mary Jane Hilbert, Soloist**

## SCRIPTURES

Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## SERMON

“What’s My Line?”

**Rev. Edward Gobrecht**

**HYMN #172 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”**

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH # 886**

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us. You are God.  
You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now. You are God.  
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

**\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**Christ's many healings and miracles have provided us  
an example of how we too can change another's life.  
Today, as we give of what we have may we do so,  
with open and generous hearts.**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #778**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

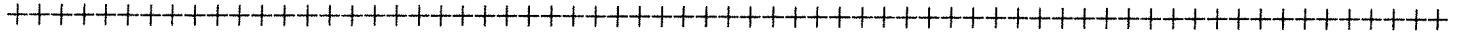
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for all that you have given to us.  
We give these gifts stipulation free in hope that others may be cared for  
in the same way you have so unconditionally cared for us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #412 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”**

**\*FINAL BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**



**Call to Worship**

Today’s liturgy has been adapted from:

the United Church of Christ’s, *Book of Worship*. The Pilgrim Press. New York. 1986.

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**Today’s Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Rev. Edward Gobrecht		Guest Pastor
Dave Churchill	8:00AM	Serving Elder/Liturgists
Scott Wehler	10:30AM	
Jane Eiker	10:30AM	Organist
Sara Shank	8:00AM	Assistant Organist
John McKay	10:30AM	Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh	8:00AM	Percussion
	8:00AM	Ushers
	10:30AM	
Roberta Weiant and Suzy Miller		Greeters
Bonnie Smith		Acolyte
Georgia Hallabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes, Sue Churchill, Russell Bailey, Carl Barrick, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Mike		Tech Team



## How Firm a Foundation

“K” in John Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.

1. How firm a foun-da-tion for you has been laid,  
by God in the Word, in the sac-ri-fice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
to you, who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis-mayed,  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
I’ll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
up-held by my gra-cious, om-ni-po-tent hand.”
3. “When through the deep wa-ters I call you to go,  
the riv-ers of woe shall not o-ver you flow;  
For I will be with you, your trou-bles to bless,  
de-liv-er-ing you from your deep-est dis-tress.”
4. “When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie,  
my grace all-suf-fi-cient shall be your sup-ply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de-signed  
your soul to make pure just as gold is re-fined.”
5. “The soul that on Je-sus has leaned for re-pose,  
I will not, I will not de-sert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should en-deav-or to shake,  
I’ll nev-er, no nev-er, no nev-er for-sake!”

Isa. 43:2–5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

## Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

1. Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu-mult  
of our life's wild, rest-less sea;  
Day by day that voice still calls us,  
say-ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low me."
  
2. As of old, Saint An-drew heard it  
by the Gal-i-le-an lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred,  
leav-ing all for Je-sus' sake.
  
3. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship  
of the trea-sures we a-dore,  
From each i-dol that would keep us,  
say-ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
  
4. In our joys and in our sor-rows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
Je-sus calls, in cares and plea-sures,  
"Chris-tian, love me more than these."
  
5. Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies,  
Sav-ior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your o-be-dience,  
serve and love you best of all.

Matt. 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; John 21:15



## God Moves in a Mysterious Way

William Cowper, 1774; alt.

1. God moves in a mys-te-rious way great won-ders to per-form;  
God plants firm foot-steps in the sea and rides up-on the storm.
  
2. Deep in un-fath-om-a-ble mines of nev-er-fail-ing skill  
God floods the earth with bright de-signs, guards with a  
sov-ereign will.
  
3. O fear-ful saints, fresh cour-age take, the clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mer-cy and shall break in bless-ings on your head.
  
4. Judge not God's way through hu-man sense, but trust un-fail-ing  
grace:  
Be-hind a frown-ing prov-i-dence there shines a smil-ing face.
  
5. God's pur-pos-es will rip-en fast, un-fold-ing ev-ery hour;  
The bud may have a bit-ter taste, but sweet will be the flower.
  
6. Our un-be-lief is sure to err and scan God's work in vain;  
God is God's own in-ter-pret-er, whose truth shall be made plain.

Ps. 77:19; Rom. 11:33–36

Sunday, July 9, 2023  
Rev. Edward Gobrecht, Guest Pastor

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Title: "What's My Line?"

"What's My Line?" a popular TV show from the 1950's and 1960's was a quiz show where a panel of four people would seek to find out the occupation of the person who was the guest of that day. They would ask questions, which required a "yes" or "no" answer. They had some great questions. Quite often they were successful in determining the occupation of the person. It was interesting to see them seek out the truth, while the viewers at home and in the studio already knew answers.

John the Baptist sent his followers to Jesus to ask a question about Jesus. What is His occupation? Is He the Messiah? But Jesus does not just answer "Yes" or "No". He asks "What do you know? What have you seen?" He brings forth the words from Isaiah 35:5-6 and Isaiah 61:1.

And then there is added "Happy are those who are not offended by me" or other versions say "have doubts." We have an advantage here. We have seen the work of Jesus and how He has fulfilled God's Word bringing Gods' Word to the world so that people could hear and see God's Word in action and seeing how Jesus fulfills completely the prophecy of the Messiah. Jesus reveals a call to trust in Gods' Word as Jesus lived in trust of His heavenly Father and lived in this world with its joys and sorrows and carried that faith through life and through death that we may believe and live in that same trust and faith.