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Trinity United Church of Christ
June 2, 2024
8AM and 10:30AM Worship
2rd Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

*If this is your first time with us, or if you have come to this sacred space your entire life, we are glad to be on this journey of faith with you. Trinity believes that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!** To enhance your worship experience, we have large print bulletins and hearing support devices available.*

Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

Enter to worship today but stick around to see what God is doing in this place!

*Congregational responses in **bold print**. * Denotes standing as you are able.*

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TIME OF SHARING AND GREETING

PRELUDE – “Healer” with “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” – M. McDonald & B. K. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, you have searched and known us.

You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.

You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all our ways.

Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.

You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.

*HYMN #307 “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

*PRAYER

We are called to “observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our God commanded us.” Be with us Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed.

**May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise,
for all you do in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace.

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Scripture tells us "Light will shine out of darkness," and though we may be "afflicted in every way, we are not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair" and when we turn to God for blessed grace; grace is always granted. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ask Me What Great Thing I Know"

Scott Wehler

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹ persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰ always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us but life in you

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

³ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him

SERMON
Grace Winakor

HYMN #410 "If You But Trust In God to Guide You"
(Remain Seated)

*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**

We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world.

We are grateful and thankful.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (v1)**

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me; look so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts
for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.**

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

(Our table is open and wide! All are invited to commune. We use gluten free bread and grape juice)

(Please come forward as the Usher directs you up the center aisle.

We will form a semi-circle around the Communion Table.

You will be individually served the bread first and then the cup.

After we commune, the pastor will offer a benediction and you will leave the chancel area placing your cups in the receptacles provided, then return to your seat.)

CALL TO COMMUNE

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God.
From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among us.
God of the sanctuary and the steeple, the pavilion and the parking lot,

You are the Creator of all things, present everywhere we gather.
Facebook, and pews are filled with the praises of your people.
God in us and around us, we are not alone, you meet us right where we are.

COMMUNION PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

We are a community of love. Bound in service and ministry,
living lives of connectivity, members of the body of Christ.
When one member is honored, all rejoice together joining our hearts in celebration.
God has given great honor to the body, whether Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free – all are made to drink of one spirit.
May the gifts of Christ: teaching, healing, welcoming, reaching, feeding,
abound among us today and always.

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Jesus, your ministry fed those around you nourishing the
bodies of your friends and followers.
On hillsides and seashores, at lavish banquets and simple celebrations, you provided.
On the last night with your friends you took bread,
blessed it, broke it, and gave it to your disciples and said,
"This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,
"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood.
As often as you drink it, do it in remembrance of me."

INVITATION OF THE SPIRIT

Bless these gifts of grain and grapes.
Bless us, the many members of your body.
Send your Holy Spirit upon this meal
that it may nourish us for countless days. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread of life, shared with you.
The cup of blessing, poured out for you.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Gracious and loving God, you feed us with the living bread
and fill our cup to overflowing. Thank you for your generous gifts
that sustain us through uncertain times, that strengthen us as we strive
to be guides for your people. Praises to you, living God,
until we gather at your table once more. Amen.**

***HYMN #522 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

***FINAL BLESSING**

Dear friends, we have been nourished and renewed in this Sabbath day
with the love of God who created us, God who redeemed us, and God who sustains us.
Go in peace, sharing the Good News. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Grace Winakor	<i>Both services</i>	Guest Pastor
Roberta Weiant	<i>8:00am</i>	Serving Elders/ Lay Liturgists
George Steckert	<i>10:30am</i>	
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh	<i>8:00am</i>	Percussion
Roberta Weiant	<i>8:00am</i>	Ushers
Lucy Greene	<i>10:30am</i>	
Sandy Busche and Neil Hollabaugh	<i>10:30am</i>	Greeters
Buck Harvey	<i>10:30am</i>	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes, Russell Bailey,		Tech Team
Carl Barrick, Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Terry Krietz, Sue Henderson		

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

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John Newton, 1779; alt.

1. Glo-rious things of you are spo-ken,
Zi-on, cit-y of our God;
One whose word can-not be bro-ken
formed you for a blessed a-bode.
On the Rock of A-ges found-ed,
what can shake your sure re-pose?
With sal-va-tion's walls sur-round-ed,
you may smile at all your foes.

2. See! the streams of liv-ing wa-ters,
spring-ing from e-ter-nal Love,
Well sup-ply your sons and daugh-ters,
and all fear of want re-move.
Who can faint, while such a riv-er
ev-er will their thirst as-suage:
Grace which, like our God, the Giv-er,
nev-er fails from age to age?

3. 'Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov-ering,
see the cloud and fire ap-pear
For a glo-ry and a cov-ering,
show-ing that their God is near!
Thus de-riv-ing from their ban-ner
light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed up-on the man-na
which God gives them when they pray.

THE CHURCH

4. Sav-ior, if of Zi-on's cit-y
we through grace a part may claim,
Let the world de-ride or pit-y,
we will glo-ry in your name.
Fad-ing is all world-ly plea-sure,
all earth's boast-ed pomp and show;
Sol-id joys and last-ing trea-sures,
none but Zi-on's chil-dren know.

Ps. 87:3; Isa. 33:20–21; 60:18; 26:4; Exod. 13:22

Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

1. If you but trust in God to guide you,
with hope-ful heart through all your ways,
you will find strength, with God be-side you,
to bear the worst of e-vil days;
For those who trust God's change-less love
build on the rock that will not move.

2. On-ly be still, and wait God's plea-sure
in cheer-ful hope, with heart con-tent,
trust-ing that grace which knows no mea-sure
will by un-bound-ed Love be sent;
Nor doubt our in-most wants are clear
to One who holds us al-ways near.

3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing;
of-fer your ser-vice faith-ful-ly,
and trust God's word, though un-de-serv-ing,
there find the truth to set you free;
God will not fail to guide and bless
those who em-brace God's faith-ful-ness.

Ps. 55:22

Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.

1. I love to tell the sto-ry of un-seen things a-bove.
Of Je-sus' ra-diant glo-ry, of Je-sus' end-less love.
I love to tell the sto-ry, be-cause I know it's true;
it sat-is-fies my long-ings as noth-ing else can do.
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.
2. I love to tell the sto-ry; more won-der-ful it seems
than all the gold-en vi-sions of all our gold-en dreams.
I love to tell the sto-ry, I tell it now to you
be-cause I want to share it, be-cause I know it's true.
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.
3. I love to tell the sto-ry; it's pleas-ant to re-peat
what seems, each time I tell it, more won-der-ful-ly sweet.
I love to tell the sto-ry, for some have nev-er heard
the mes-sage of sal-va-tion from God's own ho-ly Word.
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.
4. I love to tell the sto-ry, for those who know it best
seem hun-ger-ing and thirst-ing to hear it, like the rest.
And when I sing in glo-ry, I know the new, new song
will be the old, old sto-ry that I have loved so long.
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.