

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.

Forgive often. Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



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Trinity United Church of Christ
July 14, 2024
8AM and 10:30AM Worship
Worship Series "*Be The Church*" Week 3

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 – “When Can I Read My Title Clear” – *B. Nix*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of Life,

you are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes,

that we may see you in one another.

Open our ears,

that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Enter our hearts,

that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**Be with us now. Show us the way to new life
and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.**

***HYMN #489 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

***PRAYER**

**We bring before you, O God, the troubles and perils of people and nations.
The sighing of prisoners and captives, the sorrows of the bereaved,
the necessities of strangers, the helplessness of the weak,
the despondency of the weary, the failing powers of the aged.
O God, draw near to each we pray. Amen.**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy.

**Yet we have denied justice and joy to many,
creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope.
In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us.
We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.**

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

Loving God, you restore us to each other and to you,
mending our hearts and repairing the world.

Through the power of your Spirit,
you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us:
pardon and peace, new life and blessing.

We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Julia Brown

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from

the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON

“Care for the Poor”

“Be the Church” Series Week 3

HYMN #472 **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

(Remain Seated)

BEATITUDES FOR WORKERS/LORD’S PRAYER

Blessed are the poor who have no work or too little income.

God has promised: yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you who are hungry now.

God has promised: you shall be filled.

Blessed are you who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job,
or your children’s lack of opportunities.

God has promised: you shall be comforted, you shall laugh.

Blessed are you who are merciful.

God has promised: you shall receive mercy.

Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for justice.

God has promised: you shall be filled.

**The time is surely coming when God’s justice and peace shall
reign throughout the land. Thanks be to God.**

(Based on Matthew 5:3-6 and Luke 6: 20-21)

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 A New Creed**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that
blesses others through the sharing of our love, talents, and material possessions.

Let us rejoice in our giving and our receiving.

***OFFERTORY RESONSE #785**

We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

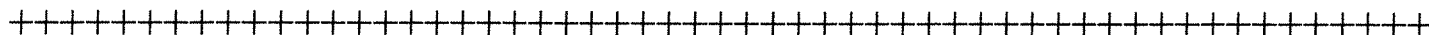
**Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch
those who hunger, hurt or seek new hope.**

May our resources and intentions be used to lift up your global village. Amen.

***HYMN #481 “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**



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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Rev. Edward Gobrecht	8:00am	Worship Leaders
Ann Harvey & Lenore O'Rourke	10:30am	
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Don Blevins	8:00am	Ushers
Ruth & Terry Krietz	10:30am	
Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert	10:30am	Greeters
Bonnie Smith	10:30am	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes, Russell Bailey,		Tech Team
Carl Barrick, Suhua Dong, Sue Churchill, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Terry Krietz		

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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Horatius Bonar, 1846; alt.

1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;
Lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
2. I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad,
And there I found a rest-ing place, where Je-sus made me glad!
3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give
The liv-ing wa-ter; thirst-y one, draw near, and drink, and live."
4. I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I am re-deemed.
5. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this lost world's Light,
Look un-to me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
6. I looked to Je-sus, and I found my guid-ing Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll go till trav-eling days are done.

Matt. 11:28–30; John 4:7–15; 8:12

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,
when my life is al-most gone,
Hear me cry, hear my call,
hold my hand, lest I fall:
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

3. When the shad-ows ap-pear
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
At the riv-er I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

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A New Version of the Psalms of David,

1. As pants the hart for cool-ing streams when heat-ed in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for you, and your re-fresh-ing grace.
2. Why rest-less, why cast down, my soul? Trust God, who will
em-ploy
All grace for you, and change your sighs to thank-ful hymns of joy.
3. God of my strength, how long shall I, like one for-got-ten, mourn,
For-lorn, for-sak-en, and ex-posed to my op-pres-sor's scorn?
4. Why rest-less, why cast down, my soul? Hope still, and you shall
sing
The praise of One who is your God, your health's e-ter-nal spring.

Ps. 42