

BE THE CHURCH

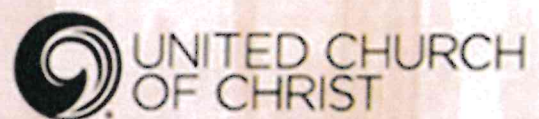
Protect the environment. Care for the poor.

*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
August 4, 2024
8AM and 10:30AM Worship
Worship Series “*Be The Church*” Week 6
Communion Sunday

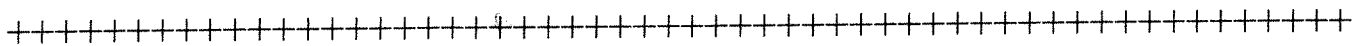
Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

*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.*



TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC – “Alleluia! – *W. Mozart*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator of all, we gather today thankful that you have welcomed us.

We give thanks that through our hardest times, God has heard our cry.

Just as God has accompanied us on our journey, we are called to walk alongside those who have been mistreated, persecuted and outcast.

Together as a faith community, we are called to be a space of love and safe refuge for all people.

Let us work together with refugees and immigrants from many different lands to welcome them in.

As we wait for You to answer these prayers, we re-commit ourselves to be a welcoming congregation lifting up immigrants and refugees in our midst and preparing ourselves to advocate with them by our side. Amen

*HYMN #502 “Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

***PRAYER**

Oh God, our creator and liberator, we pray for all those who face the trials and tribulations of exclusion.

We lift up all those who have been made outcast in our world; for those impoverished by inequality, for those who find themselves in the cold from homelessness, for those who are treated differently because of their skin color or religious background.

Today we say a special prayer for all the refugees in the world who have faced violence and persecution. Now many of them face discrimination upon arriving to the safety of this land.

Strengthen our faith to be accepting to all and fortify our witness to advocate for just and humane policies that expand the path of welcome for refugees to join our communities.

In the same way, we pray for all those who face sickness and disease, in our congregation and throughout our community, may Your blessing comfort them and may Your healing power touch them.

In the Spirit of love and compassion 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 of Silent Reflection)

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

“Here I Am, Lord”

By D. L. Schutte. Arranged by C. Courtney

Frank Buhrman

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain
and spreads them like a tent to live in,

²³ who brings princes to naught
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom, then, will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and assert, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 82:3-4

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
⁴Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

SERMON

“Fight for the Powerless”
“Be the Church” Series Week 6

HYMN #388 “Help Us Accept Each Other”
(Remain Seated)

BEATITUDES FOR WORKERS

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)

***CALL TO OFFER 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 RESPONSE #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.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (Sins)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

(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 tray provided, then return to your seat.)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN (INSERT) “On Eagle’s Wings”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE MUSIC**



Worship Elements:

Biblical Reference: Luke 15:1, Matthew 25:31-46, John 3:16; Colossians 1:20; John 14:26-27.

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Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Jane Malone	8:00am	Serving Elders
George Steckert	10:30am	
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Nina & Russell Redding	8:00am	Ushers
Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert	10:30am	
Ann & Buck Harvey	10:30am	Greeters
Buck Harvey	10:30am	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes, Russell Bailey,		Tech Team
Carl Barrick, Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Terry Krietz, Nina Redding		

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.

Mark 1:16–20; Matt. 14:22–23; 1 Kings 19:11–12

1. Dear God, em-brac-ing hu-man-kind,
for-give our fool-ish ways;
Re-clothe us in our right-ful mind,
in pur-er lives your ser-vice find,
in deep-er rev-erence, praise.
2. In sim-ple trust like theirs who heard,
be-side the Syr-ian sea,
The gra-cious call-ing of your word,
let us, like them, by spir-it stirred,
rise up and fol-lowers be.
3. O sab-bath rest by Gal-i-lee!
O calm of hills a-bove!
There Je-sus met you prayer-ful-ly:
the si-lence of e-ter-ni-ty,
in-ter-pret-ed by love.
4. Drop your still dews of qui-et-ness,
till all our striv-ings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our or-dered lives con-fess
the beau-ty of your peace.
5. Breathe through the puls-es of de-sire
your cool-ness and your balm;
Let sense be numb, let flesh re-tire;
speak through the earth-quake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

1. Help us ac-cept each oth-er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er, each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us, and bring us to be-lieve
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O God, your les-sons, as in our dai-ly life
we strug-gle to be hu-man and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may be-come.

3. Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance, un-til we know by heart
the ta-ble of for-give-ness and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.

4. God, for to-day's en-coun-ters with all who are in need,
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance, for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for see-ing, new hands for hold-ing on;
re-new us with your Spir-it; God! Free us, make us one!

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John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

On Eagle's Wings

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and
 hold you in the palm of his hand.

Chords: G, Dmaj7/F#, F, Dm, F, Gm, Asus, A7, D, D7, G, Em, A7, Bm, Em, D/F#, Em, A7, D

G DMaj7/F#

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and

G DMaj7/F# F 3

fam-ine will bring you no fear: un-der his wings your

Dm F Gm Asus Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G DMaj7/F# 3

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the

G DMaj7/F# F

ar-row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G DMaj7/F# 3

4 For to his an-gels is giv-en a com-mand to

G DMaj7/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm Am Bb Asus Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.