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**Trinity United Church of Christ**

September 22, 2024

8AM and 10:30AM Worship

*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/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” – *H. Helvey*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In autumn, the beautiful blue sky and golden land are majestically clothed. Apple gathering children and nut gathering squirrels alike prepare for winter.

**Harvest is a time of rejoicing in God's natural bounty  
and the ingathering of our lives.**

We praise God for all we have received.

Seasons turn but God's love is changeless.

**Maple leaves dancing, crisp breezes blowing, the good news stories of Jesus' Galilean journey, and the restless winds of the Spirit rushing through our lives; all these assure us of God's faithful presence.**

**\*HYMN #419 “Now Thank We All Our God”**

**\*PRAYER**

**God, Life of all living things, Peace of perfect peace, we praise you and thank you:**

**For the faith we have, for the hope we can always rekindle,**

**for the love we experience in creation, for the breath of every child.**

**Bless and consecrate the worship we share this day that in it we may affirm the grace and wonder of our relationship with you. Amen.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
***“May the Peace of Christ be with you!”***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear God,**

**we often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded.  
Too many children in our community and world  
suffer from violence, abuse, neglect and poverty.**

**We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care,  
to celebrate and honor our children, we would save ourselves and our world.  
We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change.  
We want to learn to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them,  
we welcome your reign of justice and peace.**

***MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER***

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

**“Walk with Me”**

***by P. M. Liebergen***

**Senior Choir**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

**Mark 9:30-37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

**“HISTORY OF OUR STAINED GLASS”  
Presented by Jane Malone and Carl Barrick**

**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.**

**HYMN #498 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”  
(Remain Seated)**

**\*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**

O God, you who have given us life, you who have made every child a holy child, we give you thanks.

May we open our hearts now and give generously to you and to your church, for the sake of the children who are our future.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #563 “We Can not Own the Sunlit Sky” (v1)**

*We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild flowers growing,  
For we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation,  
That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Accept these gifts and us, most gracious God,  
and use both to the benefit of all of your children.  
May we be your servants without complaint. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #423 “Great Is Your Faithfulness”**

**\*FINAL BLESSING**

Go forth to change the world as Jesus has commanded by offering welcome, justice and compassion to all children and to the “least of these.”  
Go forth in God’s welcome and love. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE MUSIC**



Worship Elements:

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	8:00am	Pastor
Dave Churchill	8:00am	Worship Leaders
Suhua Dong	10:30am	
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Scott Breininger	8:00am	Ushers
Terry Krietz	10:30am	
Janet & Steve Sheely	10:30am	Greeters
Janet Sheely	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, Cindy Kidd		

## THANKSGIVING

# 419

### Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)

Martin Rinkart, 1647

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1. Nun dank-et al-le Gott, mit Herz-en, Mund und Händ-en,  
der gro-sse Ding-e tut an uns und al-len End-en;  
der uns von Mut-ter-leib und Kind-es-bein-en an  
un-zäh-lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge-tan.
  
1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic-es,  
Who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es,  
Who, from our par-ents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
  
2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
With ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
  
3. All praise and thanks to God our Mak-er now be giv-en,  
To Christ, and Spir-it, too, our help in high-est heav-en,  
The one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heaven a-dore,  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

498

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

*Refrain:*

Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Knelt at the feet of his friends,  
si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet,  
Je-su, you act-ed as ser-vant to them.

*Refrain:*

2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,  
var-ied in col-or and race,  
neigh-bors are near and far a-way.

*Refrain:*

3. These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.

*Refrain:*

4. Lov-ing puts us on our knees,  
show-ing our faith by our deeds,  
serv-ing the neigh-bors we have from you.

*Refrain:*

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Refrain:*



## Great Is Your Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1. Great is your faith-ful-ness, O God, Cre-a-tor,\*  
with you no shad-ow of turn-ing we see.  
You do not change, your com-pas-sions they fail not;  
all of your good-ness for-ev-er will be.

*Refrain:*

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness!  
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;  
All I have need-ed your hand has pro-vid-ed,  
Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,  
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness  
to your great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.

*Refrain:*

3. Par-don for sin and a peace so en-dur-ing,  
your own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,  
bless-ings all mine with ten thou-sand be-side.

*Refrain:*

\* originally "My Father."

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Lam. 3:22–23