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September 29, 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 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” – *H. Sorenson*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

I am the church; you are the church.

We are the church together.

We depend on our seniors and long-time members
to remember where we came from and where we have been.

We are the church together.

We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

We are the church together.

We depend on our youth and young adults
to ask us why we do things this way
and to suggest something new.

We are the church together.

We need each other to be the church.

We are the church together.

***HYMN “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” (insert)**

***PRAYER**

God, you create a tabernacle for the sun, the moon, and all the lights of heaven
and are present to all things in all times and yet never can be contained.

**We know you are not limited by the houses of worship we build,
but rather that your love always shelters our worshipfulness.**

Bless and consecrate our gathering in this place and the love we share in this time.

**May your peace be upon our restless hearts, and may we always find you in our midst,
especially in the least likely of our sisters and brothers. Amen.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of us all, we sometimes forget:

**We forget that we are not alone,
we forget that you made us,
we forget that we have had help along the way,
we forget to ask for what we need.**

Embodied God, remind us that we are surrounded.

**We are surrounded by the people you have created,
and by the many gifts you have given them to share.**

**Remind us of our own gifts,
and the ways we may use them in community.**

Suffering Savior, we confess that in our own struggle to survive,
we have ignored other communities.

We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive.

Make us mindful. Make us compassionate.

Help us to see you in one another.

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie elision

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved in Christ, know that you are God's own and that through divine love you are freed
to begin anew the work of living together in compassionate community. Amen.

ANTHEM (10:30)
“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
arr. S. Pethel
Senior Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

SERMON

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 #519 "Standing in the Need of Prayer"
(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**

**Having recognized the many gifts we bring and receive from
one another, let us share what we have in gratitude.**

***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.

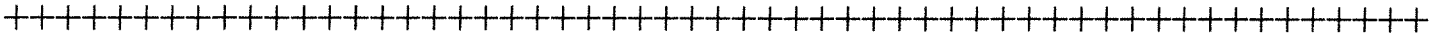
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**May these tangible gifts and all the intangible gifts we share
be a beacon to the world that God is within us and among us. Amen.**

***HYMN #4 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE MUSIC**



Worship Elements:

Opening Prayer

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	8:00am	Pastor
Rylan Weiant	8:00am	Worship Leaders
Jane Eiker	10:30am	
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Roberta Weiant	8:00am	Ushers
Janet Sheely	10:30am	
Sandy Busche, Suhua Dong	10:30am	Greeters
	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		

RESPOND

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♩=60

D/A Em/A D A

1. Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 - pow'r me to be a wit - ness for you, act - ing

G Em⁷ D/A A A⁷

ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks -
 bold - ly, in your name; seek - ing

D A

-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu -
 jus - tice, where there is hurt - ing off - 'ring

G Em⁷ A⁷ D D/A Em/A D

- ar - y for you. 2. God em -
 hope where there is pain.

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Not My Brother, nor My Sister

(Standing in the Need of Prayer)

African-American spiritual; alt.

1. Not my broth-er, nor my sis-ter, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer;
Not my broth-er, nor my sis-ter, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

2. Not the preach-er, nor the dea-con, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer;
Not the preach-er, nor the dea-con, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

3. Not my fa-ther, nor my moth-er, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer;
Not my fa-ther, nor my moth-er, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

4. Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer;
Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's me, O God,
stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

GOD

4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-flect
your rays,
Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing
sea,
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise
should be.
3. You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;
Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.
Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

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