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Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



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**Trinity United Church of Christ**

September 8, 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 – “Praise the Lord, the Almighty” – *H. Sorenson*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God!

**Sing to God a new song!**

Give thanks to our Creator.

**We rejoice in our sovereign God.**

Let us praise God with dancing and music.

**Let the faithful sing for joy as we praise God together!**

\*HYMN #459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

\*PRAYER

**As we gather here in your name, O Christ,  
you are already among us.**

**Keep us open to your presence in us and around us  
that we may grow closer to you. Amen.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rabbi, Teacher Jesus, you who taught thousands  
and yet were willing to learn from the least of these.  
We confess that we pretend to know, when in truth we still wonder.

**Forgive our pretense,  
that we may open ourselves to unexpected teachers,  
to fresh ideas, to one another, to you.**

Vulnerable Christ, you who lived in generous love,  
we confess that we have closed ourselves off, that we have seen so much suffering;  
that we have stopped looking rather than seeing and responding to those in need.

**Forgive our neglect, that we may care for one another  
and follow in the example you set for us.**

**In your name we pray. Amen.**

*MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER*

KYRIE

*Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison (2x's)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Disciples, followers, students of the living Christ,  
know that you are forgiven always and freed to begin anew  
through God's everlasting mercy and love. Amen.

ANTHEM (10:30)

“Here I Am Lord”

*by D. L. Schutte*

**Senior Choir**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?  
Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you  
says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their  
bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.<sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.<sup>27</sup> He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”<sup>28</sup> But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”<sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”<sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.<sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.<sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.<sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”<sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.<sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear

## SERMON Kara Young

### 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 “Healer of Our Every Ill” (*insert*) (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**

Your healings, O Christ, touch us and cleanse us to be able to begin again.

In our renewal, may we be willing to share our blessings with others.

Give generously and from the heart.

**\*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 flow.*

*With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,*

*That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.*

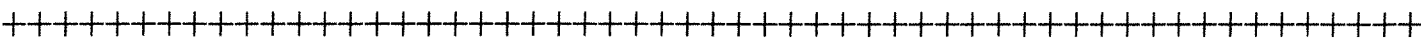
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Accept our gifts, Gracious God, and help us use them  
for the betterment of your church and your children. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #503 "Savoir, Let Me Walk with You"**

**\*FINAL BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE MUSIC**



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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	8:00am	Pastor
Jen Mickelson	8:00am	Worship Leaders
Julie Strickland	10:30am	
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Jen Mickelson	8:00am	Ushers
Carl Barrick	10:30am	
Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert	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, Cindy Kidd		

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1. Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing,  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing,  
call for songs of end-less praise.  
Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net,  
sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed up-on it,  
mount of God's un-fail-ing love.
2. Here I pause in my so-journ-ing,  
giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,  
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing,  
God will guide me safe-ly home.  
Je-sus sought me when a strang-er,  
wan-dering from the fold of God,  
Came to res-cue me from dan-ger,  
bless-ed bod-y, pre-cious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debt-or  
dai-ly I am drawn a-new!  
Let that grace now, like a fet-ter,  
bind my wan-dering heart to you.  
Prone to wan-der, I can feel it,  
wan-der from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for your ver-y own.

Ps. 36:7–9

*Descant*

5 Dy - ing, we live, re - born through

D G C Gsus G Bm

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of

Em Am G Dsus D G C

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 soled; but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of Your

peace to wake at last in light.

G Am G/B C Dsus D C G

give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 peace to wake at last in heav - en's light.



## O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Washington Gladden, 1879; alt.

1. O Sav-ior, let me walk with you  
in earth-ly paths of ser-vice true;  
Tell me your se-cret, help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
  
2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear win-ning word of love.  
Teach me the way-ward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the home-ward way.
  
3. Teach me your pa-tience; let me be  
in clos-er, dear-er com-pa-ny,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong.
  
4. In hope that sends a shin-ing ray  
far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,  
In peace that on-ly you can give,  
with you, O Sav-ior, let me live.