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10:30AM Worship

World Communion Sunday & Harvest Home 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.*

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PRELUDE MUSIC – “In Christ Alone” – *H. Sorenson*

WELCOM/TIME OF SHARING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We were created in relationship and for relationship.

We are created for community!

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

We are created for community!

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

We are created for community!

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

We are created for community!

*PRAYER

Jesus, on this World Communion Sunday we come to you to celebrate, and to pause, remember, and give thanks for your grace. Today we approach the Table with our brothers and sisters all around the world. Through multiple cultures and languages, we celebrate your compassion. We pray for that day when you come in a new way into our world and into our lives, we celebrate your presence now with us, together as your body around the world. Amen.

***HYMN #422 “Come O Thankful People, Come”**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

“May the Peace of Christ be with you!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, you remember us, but sometimes we forget you.
Generous God, you give us gifts, often we do not even notice them.
Righteous God, you offer us a faithful and joyous lifestyle, and sometimes
We forget your teaching. Ever-present God, you stand ready to hear our
cries of sorrow and grief, but we readily cannot even tell you the pain
on our hearts, and so we carry heavy burdens alone. Forgive us, gracious
and loving God. Open our hearts and minds to comprehend your goodness
and to trust in a future to which you call us. Amen.**

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

KYRIE

***Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison***

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Know that God’s unconditional grace is given to everyone.

We are a forgiven people called back into
relationship with God and with one another.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

By G. Kendrick. Arr. M. Hayes

Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From going to and fro on the earth, and

from walking up and down on it.”³The LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.”⁴Then Satan answered the LORD, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.”⁶The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.⁹Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.”¹⁰But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?”⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

SERMON

Russell Redding

PA Secretary of Agriculture

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN #330 “Let Us Break Bread Together”
(remain seated)

CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS
In communion with one another,
let us share what we have received,
knowing that we are one flesh with all humanity.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #778 Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
(Dedicating our Harvest Home Gifts)

SHARING AROUND THE TABLE
(All are invited to commune. We use gluten free bread and grape juice)

INVITATION

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divides us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The body broken is restored to wholeness; lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world. This table is open to everyone! At this table we receive God’s Blessings. At this table we celebrate with our brothers and sisters throughout the world of the peace restored by the Love come down.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit. One in mission. In union and communion with each other and with you. God, we recognize our failures in accomplishing unity. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“I am more than flesh and bone,” says Christ. “I am body, I am me.
Take this broken bread and be as me,
all of you and I shall set you free.”

“I am love and liveliness,” says Christ. “I am blood, I am me.
Take this outpoured juice from the vine and live my life,
each of you and I shall set you free.”

**We are the body and the blood of Christ... Broken, shared, cup and bread...
Dreaming, praying, working, joyfully for that day when everyone is free!**

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.)*

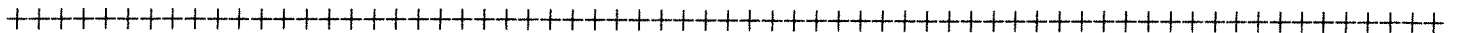
***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Lord we give you thanks because around this table our strength
revives in the struggle against poverty. Make of our gluttony,
our thirst for abundance a new feeling of justice and hope.
Lord, may our meals on an earth divided one day be shared
in an earth reunited. Forgive us, now, at this unjust meal,
until the whole earth is nourished by your bread. Amen.**

***HYMN #425 “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE MUSIC**



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Kara Young		Liturgist
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Lenore O'Rourke	10:30am	Usher
Suzy Miller, M. Jane Alleman	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		

Come, O Thankful People, Come

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.

St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.

1. Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come,
raise the song of har-vest home;
all is safe-ly gath-ered in
as the win-ter storms be-gin;
God our Mak-er does pro-vide
for our wants to be sup-plied;
come to God's own tem-ple, come,
raise the song of har-vest home.

2. All the bless-ings of the field,
all the stores the gar-dens yield,
all the fruits in full sup-ply,
rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
All that spring with boun-teous hand
scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
all that lib-eral au-tumn pours
from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,

3. These to you, our God, we owe,
source from whom all bless-ings flow;
and for these our songs we raise,
grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.

THANKSGIVING

Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come,
raise the song of har-vest home;
come to God's own tem-ple, come,
raise the song of har-vest home.

Exod. 23:16

HOLY COMMUNION

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Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American spiritual

1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,
My God, have mer-cy on me.

2. * Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,
My God, have mer-cy on me.

3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;
let us praise God to-gether on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,
My God, have mer-cy on me.

* "Share the cup" *may be substituted for* "drink wine."

Acts 2:42

For the Fruit of All Creation

Fred Pratt Green, 1970

1. For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God.
For God's gifts to ev-ery na-tion, thanks be to God.
For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing,
si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
Fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.

2. In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of car-ing
for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing,
In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.

3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.
For the good we all in-her-it, thanks be to God.
For the won-ders that as-tound us,
for the truths that still con-found us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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