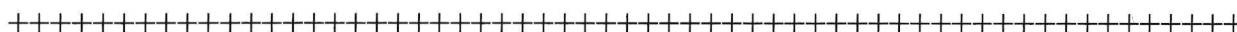
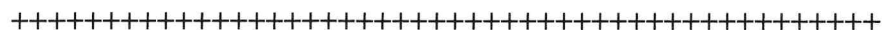


Trinity United Church of Christ
60 E. High Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325

September 20, 2026
9:30AM Worship



Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!



Please stand as you are able; **BOLD print - congregational response*

**All words provided on the screen*



TIME OF SHARING AND GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC “To God Be the Glory”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our eyes are heavy. Our hope is soaring. We wait in the marketplace.

Our God is gracious.

Our feet are tired. Our expectations rise. We are hired first.

Our God is merciful.

Our backs are sore. Our spirits are low. We are paid last.

Our God is slow to anger.

Our tempers flare. Our anger rages. We take what belongs to us.

Our God abounds in steadfast love.

**Let us worship our God who reminds us how to
live in peace and harmony together!**

***HYMN #307 “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”**

***PRAYER**

**O God of the morning and of the evening hours,
let your Spirit come on us here gathered.**

**This is the holy place where we, your people,
call on you in faith, joining heart and
voice in thanksgiving and praise to you. Amen.**

***RESPONSE TO PRAYER (1st verse of opening hymn)**

***Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken formed you for a blessed bode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, too often we forget your promise.

We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves.

We bask in the false assumption that we are in control of our lives.

Sometimes we want to tamper with the lives

**of those around us for our own ends.
Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to serve you more faithfully each day. Amen.**

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Beloved in Christ, rejoice!

In grace and mercy, God abounds in steadfast love,
forgives us, and sets us free to grow in grace.

Bless God's name forever! Amen.

ANTHEM

“Let Us Serve Him”

Senior Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 1:21-30

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way,
but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now
as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, living is Christ and
dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me;
and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire
is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh
is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will
remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I
may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.
²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I
come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are

gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

SERMON

“Hey, That’s Not Fair!”

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 #495

“Called As Partners In Christ’s Service”

(Remain seated)

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH #887 The 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**

As we celebrate our gifts, may we remember that our work is for the Lord.
Whatever we reap, is not only ours, but to be shared among God’s children.
As we gather our gifts, may we do so with open minds, hearts and hands.

***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**

**As we freely share what we have been blessed to receive,
bless our gifts, O God and encourage us
to distribute them among your creation. Amen.**

***HYMN #573 “Lead On Eternal Sovereign”**

FINAL BLESSING

Let us continue in our work.

Let us live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,
Let us find Christ in our struggles,

Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,
Let us find Christ in our struggles,
Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith,
Let us find you, O God, in all our work. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Portions of today's worship have come from:

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ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of our three granddaughters Louise, Olivia, Annabelle, and to the Glory of God by Janet & Steve Sheely.

PRAYER LIST: Available in the Gathering Area. Please call the office to be removed from the list.

USHERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER— please sign up in Gathering Area.

ALTAR CARE: "A few good people" are needed to Care for the Altar to prepare communion, change paraments and candles and order Altar Flowers. Please Nancy MacMeekin 717-334-2111

HERITAGE FESTIVAL: Sunday, September 20th 12:00pm – 4:00pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park. This annual celebration showcases the many cultures that enrich Adams County through music, food, art, and community traditions. Guided by the festival's motto, *"Sharing and appreciating the cultures of Adams County through music, food, and art... A celebration of unity in our community,"* the event brings together residents and visitors for an afternoon of cultural discovery and connection. **Trinity will have a booth there and will need help setting up, staffing, and tearing down. Please Call George Steckert if you can help.**

SENIOR SOCIAL – Tuesday, September 22nd – 1:00pm Get out of the house! Come and enjoy games, snacks, and most of all - fellowship or just come and hang out. Learn a new game or play an old one. Bring your favorite game. Bring a friend or a family member. No pressure just fun!

BLESSING ROOM – Monday, September 28th – 11:00am-1:00pm. On Monday 8/31, over 40 needy folks benefitted from the Blessings Room products. The shelves are AGAIN empty. We still have enough toothbrushes and toothpaste, but everything else is gone. Even when the "pickings" were thin, those who found something they needed were full of thanks to our congregation. **Please keep the donations coming. This is a much needed ministry in our community.** From the Social Concerns Committee

CHANGE FOR CHRIST – “HELP KEEP THE LIGHTS ON”: Have extra change in your pockets? Tired of carrying it around? Drop it in the vase with candle located in the Gathering Area.

HYMNALS! They are more than just songbooks. Stop by the History Cabinet to see what else our hymnals provide for our faith journey. **History Task Force.**

NEWS FLASH! In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communication Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know. **September's "info gatherer" is Janet Sheely at jlsheely13@gmail.com or 717-357-1789.**

SUMMER OUTREACH: As the growing season winds down, there may still be some garden goodies out there. Please bring in your excess produce. Those of us with not-so-green thumbs can then share in your harvest by placing money in the jar. **Proceeds will go to the Independent Living Program of Adams County Children**

and Youth. More info on Summer Outreach table. **** **Kathy Clark will be speaking on the Independent Living Program Sunday, September 27th.**

ATTENDANCE 9/13/2026: 9:30am **48**; On-line **150**; Total **198**

FINANCE REPORT 9/13/2026:

Envelope Offering **Needed WEEKLY: \$3,707.00** Offering Rec'd this week: *\$1,660.00*

Property Fund **Needed WEEKLY: \$385.00** Offering Rec'd: *\$675.00*

***** Trinity is nearing a \$20,000 budget deficit that needs to be made up by the end of this year. Please consider increasing your weekly giving to help Trinity meet this year's budget.*

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THIS WEEK

Today, 9/20: Come to Church – Stay for Brunch following worship
12:00pm – 4:00pm Heritage Festival – *Gettysburg Rec Park*

Tuesday, 9/22: 1:00pm Senior Social – *Fellowship Hall*
6:00pm Christian Education – *Fellowship Hall*
2:00pm Consistory – *Sunday School Room downstairs*

Wednesday, 9/23: 6:00pm Worship
7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*

Thursday, 9/24: **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

Friday, 9/25: **PASTOR FRED OUT THROUGH SUNDAY, 27TH.**
9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship*

Next Sunday 9/27: Rev. Peter Kuhn, Worship Leader
Kathy Clark, Guest Speaker,
Independent Living Program
12:00pm Private Event - *Fellowship Hall*

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	Pastor
Cindy Blevins	Liturgist
Sara Shank	Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh	Percussionist
Sandy Busche, Neil Hollabaugh	Greeters
Carl Barrick	Ushers
Janet Sheely	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,	Tech Team
George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd,	
Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn	

John Newton, 1779; alt.

1. Glo-rious things of you are spo-ken,
 Zi-on, cit-y of our God;
 One whose word can-not be bro-ken
 formed you for a blessed a-bode.
 On the Rock of A-ges found-ed,
 what can shake your sure re-pose?
 With sal-va-tion's walls sur-round-ed,
 you may smile at all your foes.

2. See! the streams of liv-ing wa-ters,
 spring-ing from e-ter-nal Love,
 Well sup-ply your sons and daugh-ters,
 and all fear of want re-move.
 Who can faint, while such a riv-er
 ev-er will their thirst as-suage:
 Grace which, like our God, the Giv-er,
 nev-er fails from age to age?

3. 'Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov-ering,
 see the cloud and fire ap-pear
 For a glo-ry and a cov-ering,
 show-ing that their God is near!
 Thus de-riv-ing from their ban-ner
 light by night and shade by day,
 Safe they feed up-on the man-na
 which God gives them when they pray.

4. Sav-ior, if of Zi-on's cit-y
 we through grace a part may claim,
 Let the world de-ride or pit-y,
 we will glo-ry in your name.
 Fad-ing is all world-ly plea-sure,
 all earth's boast-ed pomp and show;
 Sol-id joys and last-ing trea-sures,
 none but Zi-on's chil-dren know.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice,
 called to min-is-tries of grace,
 We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment
 fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 May we learn the art of shar-ing,
 side by side and friend with friend,
 E-qual part-ners in our car-ing
 to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.

2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing,
 Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering,
 rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er,
 all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er
 gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.

3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion,
 in a small or glob-al sense,
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens,
 break-ing down each wall or fence.
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion,
 words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion,
 make us col-leagues, free and fair.

DISCIPLESHIP

4. So God grant us for to-mor-row
ways to or-der hu-man life
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row
with a calm that con-quers strife.
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing,
our com-pas-sion to in-crease,
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing
hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

John 15:12–17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14–22

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Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1. Lead on e-ter-nal Sov-ereign, we fol-low in your way;
loud rings your cry for jus-tice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayer-ful prep-a-ra-tion, your grace will make us strong,
to car-ry on the strug-gle to tri-umph o-ver wrong.
2. Lead on e-ter-nal Sov-ereign, we fol-low not with fear,
for in each hu-man con-flict your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with glad-ness, you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your prom-ise that love will con-quer all.
3. Lead on e-ter-nal Sov-ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and all your saints to-geth-er will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your do-min-ion will live with hearts set free,
to love and serve each oth-er for all e-ter-ni-ty.