

Trinity United Church of Christ
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October 11, 2026
9:30am Worship



Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

*We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, Ordinary Time. Our chancel area paraments are green to acknowledge this time of the church year. If this is your first time with us, or if you have come to this sacred space your entire life, it is a blessing that we are all here together. Trinity truly 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 worship today, but stick around to see what God is doing in this place!

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

*All words provided on the screen

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

You are welcome here!

Let us worship together in the name of the triune God,
the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE "Oceans" *with* "It is Well with My Soul"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is Good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship our God together.

*HYMN #424 **"Great is Your Faithfulness"**

* PRAYER

Ever-Present God, you never leave us.

**Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee,
and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all
may know that you are the Lord, our God,
a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Amen.**

*RESPONSE TO PRAYER "Sanctuary"

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of Egypt, and out of the house of slavery.

**And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed
by our obsession toward indifference.**

Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause;

**An answer to prayer not instantly given,
a request for peace not immediately felt.**

Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making;

The god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost.

The god of illusion, pursued in any form.

Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie elision.

Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie elision.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins
and has promised to bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot

against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

SERMON

“A Hope for a Better Tomorrow”

PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #517

“Need You Every Hour”

(Remain Seated)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Trinity United Church of Christ, founded in 1790,

Values and welcomes a diverse congregation.

**We believe that each of us is created in God's image
and that all are loved and blessed equally by God.**

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

**In keeping with Jesus' commandment, we commit ourselves to
demonstrating Christ's unconditional love in how we live
together within our congregation and our community.**

We invite into our family all people with no exception.

**In our community of faith, we affirm and embrace that all people
are encouraged to fully participate and share their talents and energy
in worship, sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry,
lay ministry, learning, service, mission and fellowship.**

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome at Trinity United Church of Christ.**

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

The peace of God which passes all understanding surrounds us.

In the assurance of this promise, let us confidently offer ourselves
to God's service knowing God as already provided all that we need.

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE #785 Doxology**

*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**

**Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church,
that through the work of your Spirit
we may be a refuge for others in their hour of need. Amen.**

***HYMN "Because He Lives" (insert)**

***FINAL BLESSING**
“Peace Be with You”
The Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE**

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Portions of today's liturgy have been adapted from: *Feasting on the Word*. Year A, Vol 2. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor. Westminster John Knox Press. Louisville. 2014.

And: *Before the Amen*. Maren and Maria Tirabassi, Editors. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2007.

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PRELUDE: *Oceans, with It is Well With My Soul*. Arranged by Mary McDonald and Bethany K.

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ANTHEM/BENEDICTION: *Peace Be with You*. Arranged: Mary McDonald. ©1998 Lorenz Publishing Company.

HYMNS: *Great is Your Faithfulness*. Words: Thomas O. Chisholm. Tune: William M. Runyan. ©1923 renewal 1951 by Hope Publishing Company.

I Need You Every Hour. Text: Annie S. Hawks. Refrain/tune added by Robert Lowry. Word Alterations ©1992 The Pilgrim Press.

Because He Lives. Text: William & Gloria Gaither. Music: William Gaither. CCLI Song # 16880 ©1971 Hanna Street Music

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of Milton, Marie and John Hoffman by Joan & Denny Peck.

USHERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER – please sign up in Gathering Area.

GETTYSBURG CHORAL SOCIETY FUND RAISER - Wednesday, October 14th from 11:00am-9:00p at Gettysburg Eddies. 10% of food sales during the fundraiser will be donated to the GCS.

COME TO CHURCH . . . STAY FOR LUNCH: Sunday, October 18th following 9:30am worship. Menu: Pizza, Tossed Salad, and Desserts. Sign-up in the Gathering Area to be sure enough food is prepared.

BLESSING ROOM – Monday, October 26th – 11:00am-1:00pm. Please keep the donations coming. This is a much needed ministry in our community. Volunteers to help set up, staff, and tear down are always welcome. Please contact Jane Malon or Carl Barrick if you are interested in help us.
From the Social Concerns Committee

SENIOR SOCIAL – Tuesday, October 27th – 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!

TRUNK OR TREAT! Saturday, October 31st from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Just park your car in the lot next to the church, bring out your candy, chair, a battery powered light (if you have one) and dress up too if you want! *This year we've added the homemade hand puppets with Trinity's name on them to hand out to the kids along with the candy.* **If you cannot come join the fun, candy and/or money donations to purchase candy are accepted and appreciated.**

VETERAN RECOGNITION: Sunday November 8th: We will be recognizing our living Vets who have served our country. If you filled a form out in years past, you don't need to do another one. If you have not, please complete and return by Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Forms are in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

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.

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. **October's “info gatherer is Ruth Krietz, 717-337-1395 or ruthkrietz@gmail.com**

ATTENDANCE 10/4/2026: 9:30am 64; On-line 217; Dinner Church 13; Total 294

FINANCE REPORT 10/4/2026:

Envelope Offering **Needed WEEKLY: \$3,707.00** Offering Rec'd: **\$2,247.00**

Property Fund **Needed WEEKLY: \$385.00** Offering Rec'd: **\$355.00**

******* 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.***

THIS WEEK

Monday, 10/12: 2:30pm Property – Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, 10/14: 11:00am-9:00pm Gettysburg Choral Society Fund Raiser at Gettysburg Eddies.
7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary**

Thursday, 10/15: 2:00pm – 4:00pm Book Study – Gathering Area

Friday, 10/16: 9:30am Flutes – Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, 10/18: Come to Church, Stay for Lunch – Fellowship Hall

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Pastor

Penelope Frantz

Liturgist

Sara Shank

Organist/Choir Director

Mark Luckenbaugh

Percussionist

Roberta Weiant, Neil Hollabaugh

Greeters

Janet & Steve Sheely

Ushers

Penelope Frantz

Acolyte

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,

Tech Team

George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn

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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

I Need You Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.

Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.

1. I need you ev-ery hour, O God of grace;
the peace your voice af-fords, I now em-brace.
I need you, how I need you! Ev-ery hour I need you;
O bless me now, my Sav-ior; I come to you.
2. I need you ev-ery hour, in faith or fear;
temp-ta-tions lose their power when you are near.
I need you, how I need you! Ev-ery hour I need you;
O bless me now, my Sav-ior; I come to you.
3. I need you ev-ery hour, in joy or pain;
come quick-ly and a-bide or life is vain.
I need you, how I need you! Ev-ery hour I need you;
O bless me now, my Sav-ior; I come to you.
4. I need you ev-ery hour; teach me your will,
and your rich prom-is-es in me ful-fill.
I need you, how I need you! Ev-ery hour I need you;
O bless me now, my Sav-ior; I come to you.

Because He Lives

(as published by Gaither Music Company)

Words by
William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither

Music by
William J. Gaither

VERSE



1. God sent His Son— They called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
2. How sweet to hold our new - born ba - by, and feel the pride
3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -



heal and for - give. He bled and died to buy my par - don;
and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance:
- nal war with pain. And then, as death gives way to vic - t'ry,

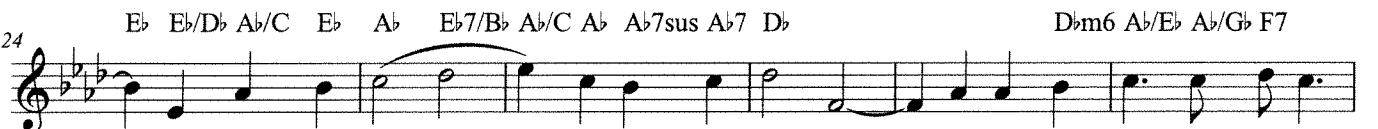
CHORUS



An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. Be - cause He lives
This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause Christ lives.
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.



I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives, all fear is gone.



Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture, and life is worth the liv - ing



just be - cause He lives.