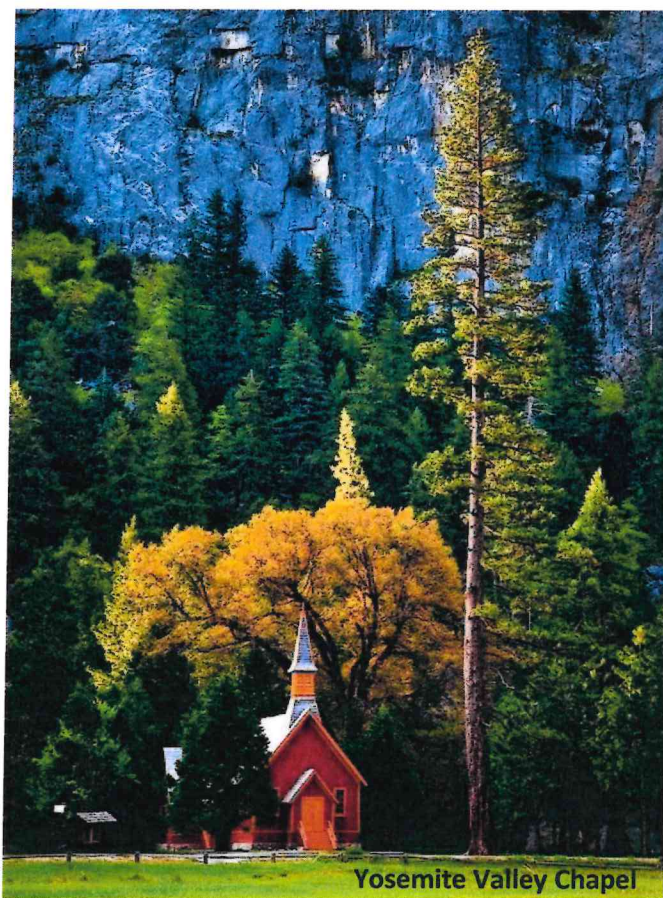


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October 18, 2026

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*

*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! .

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 "How Majestic is Your Name"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 99)

The Lord is our Ruler; let the peoples tremble!

God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Let us praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God!

Extol the Lord our God; worship at the Lord's footstool. Holy is our God!

**Extol the Lord our God, and worship at the holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.**

*HYMN "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

*PRAYER

Appear to us here, God of all worlds, for we need your assurance and blessing.

We seek the strength to do what is right and just.

We want to be certain that our decisions and actions are right,

but often it is only long afterwards that we realize you were with us.

O God, we want to be open to all that you are revealing to us now. 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

We thank you, God, for inviting us to live in covenant with you and one another,
and for remaining faithful to your promise.

Yet, like people of all ages, we find it difficult to be faithful to you.

We resent those who remind us of your call.
**We grieve you by our rebellion against your word
and our slowness to be your partners.**

We are not worthy, God, but we pray, do not give up on us.
**May we share with you your table of joy
and welcome all your friends as our friends. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison.
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Rhosymedre” (My Song is Love Unknown)
Catherine Hammons, Piano *and* Sara Shank, Organ

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

"Who's in Charge Here!"

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 #448 **"Take My Life God, Let it Be"** *(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**

As we celebrate our gifts, may we remember that we are partners
with one another in this land and beyond, seeking to share the benefits
of God's creation with all God's children. Let us join our offerings
with our personal attempts to do God's will.

*** 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**

**We dedicate these gifts to you, O God.
May our resources and abilities extend a helping hand
and joyous welcome to every people of the earth.
May our efforts find favor with you. Amen.**

***HYMN #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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Portions of today's liturgy have been adapted from: *Taught By Love: Worship Resources for Year A*. Lavon Bayler. Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2002.
Touch Holiness. Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi. Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2012.

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HYMNS: *God of Grace and God of Glory*. Text by Harry Emerson Fosdick. Tune by John Huges. Words used by permission of Elinor Fosdick Downs.
SPECIAL MUSIC: *Rhosymedre (My Song is Love Unknown)*. Composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Arranged by Reginald Hadfield. Copyright 1920, 1987 Stainer & Bell.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Jane Miller, Karen mother; with love by Karen, Neal and Victor Kendlehart.

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

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 Malone or Carl Barrick if you are interested in helping 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.**

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.

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!

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 10/11/2026: 9:30am 44; On-line 100; Dinner Church; Total 144

FINANCE REPORT 10/11/2026:

Envelope Offering Needed WEEKLY: \$3,707.00 Offering Rec'd: \$5,843.00

Property Fund Needed WEEKLY: \$385.00 Offering Rec'd: \$50.00

****** 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

Tuesday, 10/20: 12:30pm Spiritual Council 1:00pm Consistory

Due to the Halloween Parade and road being closed, it was decided to change the meeting times.

**Wednesday, 10/21: 9:00am – 4:00pm UCC Pastor Boundary Training – Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary**

Thursday, 10/22: 9:00am – 10:15am OFFICE CLOSED. Will reopen at 10:15am

Friday, 10/23: 9:30am Flutes – Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, 10/25: Reformation Sunday – ONA Presentation

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Pastor

Scott Wehler

Liturgist

Sara Shank

Organist/Choir Director

Mark Luckenbaugh

Percussionist

Alison & Joe Lysitt

Greeters

Joe Lysitt

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

The History of Yosemite Valley Chapel

Of the structures in public use in Yosemite National Park, the Yosemite Valley Chapel is now the oldest. This little New England style church was built under the sponsorship of the California State Sunday School Association, partly by subscriptions from the children, but mainly from the voluntary contributions of prominent members of the Association.

The Chapel was built in 1879 under the auspices of the Yosemite Union Chapel Association. Their stated purpose was: *"To erect an undenominational house of worship in the Yosemite Valley".*

They took their inspiration from two Old Testament scripture verses:

Haggai 1:8: *"Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house;
and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD."*

Isaiah 2:2: *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall
be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations
shall flow unto it."*

The first service was held on June 7, 1879, and the church was filled to overflowing.

The first organ in the Chapel was given by Miss Mary Porter of Philadelphia in memory of Florence Hutchings. Florence was the unofficial, but faithful caretaker of the Chapel during the summer of 1879-1881. She died in a climbing accident at the tender age of 17.

In 1887, on the death of President Grant, a memorial service was held in the Chapel.

In the passage of years, the old Chapel, built in the midst of a busy community, lost one by one its companion buildings, until, with the moving-on of community activity to other parts of the Valley, it stood alone. In 1901, it was taken down and moved to its present site.

The Yosemite Valley Chapel was given Historic American building status by the National Park Service in 1965. Following this, its interior was restored and a new foundation was placed under it.

The Chapel became listed on the prestigious National Register of Historic Places in 1973 based on its "simple architecture" that was representative of "a particularly fine example of the early chapels constructed in the Sierra Nevada Mountains."

Although the Chapel continues today primarily as a house of worship, over the years it has become a popular wedding destination due to the spectacular setting and the quaint beauty of the building. The first Chapel wedding took place October 24, 1884. *For more information, Google "Yosemite Valley Chapel"*

Come Christians Join To Sing

Words by
Christian Henry Bateman

(Optional chords in parentheses) (

Music
Traditional Spanish Melody

VERSE

A^b E^b A^b/C D^b A^b D^b ~~A^b/E^b~~ E^b A^b A^b E^b A^b/C

♩=96

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! Loud praise to
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! Let prais-es
3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! Life shall not

D^b A^b D^b ~~A^b/E^b~~ E^b A^b A^b E^b/G A^b D^b/F E^b/G A^b E^b A^b/C

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Christ, our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be-fore His
fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll
end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men! On heav-en's bliss-ful shore His good-ness

B^bm A^b/C E^b A^b E^b/B^b A^b D^b E^b A^b Fm D^b ~~A^b/E^b~~ E^b A^b

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throne re-joice; Praise is His gra-cious choice: Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
con-de-scend; His love shall nev-er end: Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
we'll a-dore; Sing-ing for-ev-er-more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

1. Take my life, God, let it be
con-se-cratt-ed faith-ful-ly.
Take my mo-ments and my days,
let them flow in cease-less praise.
2. Take my spir-it, let it move
at the im-pulse of your love.
Take my in-tel-lect and use
all its pow-ers as you choose.
3. Take my will; your will be done!
Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace
make of it your dwell-ing place.
4. Take my love and help it grow;
let my lov-ing ov-er-flow.
Take me now, and help me be
part of Christ's com-mu-ni-ty.

Rom. 12:1

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1. God of grace and God of glo-ry,
on your peo-ple pour your power;
crown your an-cient church's sto-ry;
bring its bud to glo-rious flower.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the fac-ing of this hour,
for the fac-ing of this hour.
2. From the e-vils that sur-round us
and as-sail the Sav-ior's ways,
from the fears that long have bound us—
free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the liv-ing of these days,
for the liv-ing of these days.
3. Cure your chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness;
bend our pride to your con-trol.
Shame our reck-less, self-ish glad-ness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole.
4. Set our feet on loft-y plac-es;
gird our lives that they may be

STRUGGLE AND CONFLICT

ar-mored with all Christ-like grac-es,
in the fight to set us free.

Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
in the quest for lib-er-ty,
in the quest for lib-er-ty.

5. Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion
to the e-vils we de-plore;
let the search for your sal-va-tion
be our glo-ry ev-er-more.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore.