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October 4, 2026  
9:30AM Worship  
World Communion Sunday  
**Mission Trip Sunday**

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\*Denotes all who are able, please stand.  
Congregational Responses are printed in **bold**.  
All words are 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.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE

"The Prayer"

**Flute Flock**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

**The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,  
the night expounds God's knowledge without a word.**

**Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!**

**\*HYMN #539 "Wont' You Let Me Be Your Servant?"**

**\* PRAYER**

**Jesus, Savior of the World, on this World Communion Sunday we come to you to celebrate, and to pause, remember, and give thanks for your compassion and grace.**

**We participate with our brothers and sisters all around the world, each with our own language and way of remembering that you gave yourself for us.**

**Until 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, proclaiming your death and resurrection together.**

**In your Living name we pray, remember and celebrate. 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

**God of shining Clarity, we are so confused!**

**We confuse having security with faith.**

**We confuse sharing our excess with generosity.**

**We confuse having with deserving.  
Restore us to our rightful minds.  
Help us know what riches we have and where we are poor indeed.  
Help us know true penitence and genuine gratitude. 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**

**“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

**Carl Glover**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887**

**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.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

## MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

*Pastor Fred and Kara, Ruth and Terry Krietz, Joe and Alison Lysitt,  
Cindy Barley and Cindy Kidd*

**\*HYMN #562 "Take My Gifts"**

## **\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

As we count our many blessings, may we be a blessing  
to others. God has provided and we are called to share.

## OFFERTORY AND SLIDE SHOW

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Flute Flock**

**\* 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**

**God, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts  
that they might be a blessing to all creation. Amen.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

*(Trinity celebrates an open table. All are welcome around the Table of Remembrance.  
We use Gluten Free bread and grape juice.)*

**INVITATION**

**"He Is Here in the Breaking of the Bread"  
The Senior Choir**

**COMMUNION PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit. One in mission.  
One 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!**  
**All these things we say in the Jesus who taught us to pray together.**

**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.**

**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

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Brazil)

**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 #540 “We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed” (Vs 1-4)**

## \*FINAL BLESSING

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Ode to Joy”**

**Flute Flock**

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Portions of today's liturgy have been adapted from: *Gifts in Open Hands*. Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Eddy. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2011  
And from *The New Century Hymnal*. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 1995.

**PRELUDE:** *The Prayer*. By Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster.

**ANTHEM:** *He is Here in The Breaking of the Bread*. Text/Music by Mary Kay Beall and Lloyd Larson. Copyright 1998  
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**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*. Old Regular Baptist Hymn, Recreation Service.

**HYMNS:** *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?* Text/tune. Richard Gillard. ©1977 SCRIPTURE IN SONG (Administered by MARANATHA! MUSIC). Used by permission.

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*We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed*. Text: Mary Bryan Matney. Tune: Sally Ann Morris. Words ©1990 Mary Bryan Matney Music ©1990 Sally Ann Morris

**RESPONSE:** *Sanctuary*. Text and Tune by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs Scruggs.

**SLIDE SHOW:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*. Music: John Rutter, Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint, Arr: Matt Johnston, ©Oxford University Press, 1990, This Arrangement ©Oxford University Press 2021,  
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**POSTLUDE:** *Ode To Joy*, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Arr: Bill Holcombe, 1998, MUSICIANS PUBLICATIONS, International ©Secured, All Rights Reserved.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of World-Wide Communion, a day when so many around the world are of one mind.

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

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

**DINNER CHURCH – Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** – A gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group. No reservations needed. Just show up with food.

**FOOD SAFETY CLASS- Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm- 3:00pm.** All persons who help or plan to help in the church kitchen are encouraged to attend. Now that our kitchen has been certified to serve food to the public, it is necessary that everyone knows the rules and procedures. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area. ***There is no fee to attend*** and all participants will receive a certificate of completion.

**TRUNK OR TREAT! Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm.** Parking lot next to the church. We will distribute candy to the neighborhood children from our car trunks. Just park your car, bring out your candy, set up a chair, put out a battery powered light (if you have one). You can 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.

**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](mailto:ruthkrietz@gmail.com)**

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**ATTENDANCE 9/27/2026:** 9:30am 60; On-line 157; Total 217.

**FINANCE REPORT 9/27/2026:**

Envelope Offering **Needed WEEKLY: \$3,707.00** Offering Rec'd: **\$3,553.00**

Property Fund **Needed WEEKLY: \$385.00** Offering Rec'd: **\$475.00**

***\*\*\*\* 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, 10/4: World Communion**

**Mission Team Presentation**

**12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – Fellowship Hall**

**Monday, 10/5: Deb & Bruce OUT**

**Wednesday, 10/7: 5:30pm Dinner Church – Fellowship Hall**

**7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary**

**Friday, 10/9: 9:30am Flutes**

**1:30pm – 3:00pm Food Safety Class – Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday, 10/10: 5:00pm – 9:30pm Polish Pottery Bingo – SOLD OUT**

**Worship Participants**

**Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young**

**Carl Glover**

**Sara Shank**

**Mark Luckenbaugh**

**Sandy Busche, Roberta Weiant**

**Pastor**

**Liturgist**

**Organist/Choir Director**

**Percussionist**

**Greeters**

**Ushers**

**Acolyte**

**Tech Team**

**Buck Harvey**

**Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,**

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

## Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

1. Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, we are trav-ellers on the road;  
We are here to help each oth-er go the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad-ow of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with  
you.  
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney  
through.
5. When we sing to God in heav-en we shall find such har-mo-ny,  
Born of all we've known to-geth-er of Christ's love and ag-o-ny.
6. Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.

Rom. 12:9–18; Col. 1:24–29

Shirley Erena Murray, 1991

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shel-ter,  
gave me life and set me free,  
now be-cause your love has touched me,  
I have love to give a-way,  
now the bread of love is ris-ing,  
loaves of love to mul-ti-ply!
2. Take the fruit that I have gath-ered  
from the tree your Spir-it sowed,  
har-vest of your own com-pas-sion,  
juice that makes the wine of God,  
spiced with hu-mor, laced with laugh-ter—  
fla-vor of the Je-sus life,  
tang of risk and new ad-ven-ture,  
taste and zest be-yond be-lief.
3. Take what-ev-er I can of-fer—  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharp-en,  
tal-ents of the hand and mind,  
things made beau-ti-ful for oth-ers  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.

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Mary Bryan Matney, 1990

1. We plant a grain of mus-tard seed, and in our faith we find  
the proof of God is love, in-deed, which blos-soms from its kind;  
the proof of God is love, in-deed, which blos-soms from its kind.
2. Our ac-tions, more than words, de-fine how love's ex-am-ple feeds  
a great-er love, for love di-vine bursts forth from small-est seeds;  
a great-er love, for love di-vine bursts forth from small-est seeds.
3. When stooped to lend a help-ing hand, we find a touch that heals,  
for love in-vest-ed will ex-pand to bear the fruit love yields;  
for love in-vest-ed will ex-pand to bear the fruit love yields.
4. Make love our pur-pose, love our aim, for love en-dures all things,  
and choos-ing love our lives will claim the peace for-give-ness  
brings;  
and choos-ing love our lives will claim the peace for-give-ness  
brings.
5. So may our new be-gin-nings prove, like liv-ing bread and wine,  
that through our com-mon hu-man love we taste what is di-vine;  
that through our com-mon hu-man love we taste what is di-vine.
6. Our lives will be ful-filled and blessed if through the seeds we've  
sown  
and by the love that we pro-fess the love of Christ is known;  
and by the love that we pro-fess the love of Christ is known.

Matt. 13:31–32; Mark 4:30–32; Luke 13:18–19; John 13:34–35; 15:12–17

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