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November 15, 2026
9:30AM Worship

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Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

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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

Here at Trinity, we are awakening to joyful service
Guided by our still speaking God!
Let us worship in the name of the Triune God;
The Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer. Amen.

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is God's dwelling place.
Our souls yearn for God's presence; our hearts cry out for the Living God.

The Mighty One is a sun and a shield. God bestows favor and honor.
We seek God and God answers us. God delivers us from our fears.

Come into God's house. Here, even the sparrow finds a home,
even the swallow has a nest near God's altar.
Come all you who thirst, all you who are heavy laden.
Come take refuge here.

*HYMN #4 **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

*PRAYER

O God, our true home, we come together to unite our stories with those of our ancestors. You are among us all, a living God, present in ways we have not yet realized. We come to learn, to let what we learn mold and change us, to find courage and energy to live by your direction.
We worship today, confident of your welcome to us. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #421 **"We Gather Together"** (v1)

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to live in community, seeking God's will.
We come now, as sisters and brothers, confessing
the sins that divide and the wrong in us still.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, help us to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you.
We have searched for life amid temporary attractions.

We have sought excitement in places that turned out to be desert wastelands.
We have burdened others with our mistakes.

We have sought honors and made comparisons to look better than those around us.
We have devoted little time to thanking and praising you, the Source of all things.
Open us now, O God, to the Word we need from you. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM
"Beautiful Savior"
Senior Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
[2]As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.
[3]Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
[4]Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn
of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent

went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

SERMON

"Self-Giving Knows No Ending"

HYMN #466 **"Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes"** *(Remain seated)*

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

As we celebrate our gifts, may we remember that all we have and all we are belongs to God. The peak of our worship is an accounting of our stewardship. What are we doing with our time, talent and treasure? It is not only what we offer to the church today but what we offer to God every day. May we give with thankful hearts.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #421 (v3)

All praise to the Spirit, provider, defender.
You offer us freedom, to follow or stray,
Empowering all by the hope you engender.
Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Oh God, use what we have to offer here to bring encouragement
and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives.
Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

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

*FINAL BLESSING

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Before the Amen. Maren Tirabasssi and Maria Tirabassi, Editors. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2007.

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BE AWARE OF STREET CLOSURES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th through SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st. You can find maps at the borough office. The Gettysburg Times may print the schedules as well.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Lila & Don Martin by Cindy Kidd.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Suzy Miller and the Miller family in the death of Robert Miller who died Friday, November 6th at home. Funeral arrangements are Tuesday, November 24th. Visitation from 9am-11am. Service at 11 with luncheon following the service. Please keep Suzy and family in your prayers.

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

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.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE services at St. James Lutheran Church.

NOVEMBER is a "FIFTH SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION" month. ***South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) was the fourth highest charity chosen by the Congregation.*** **Envelopes are in the pews and Gathering Area.**

POINSETTIA'S - $10.75. Order by Sunday, November 29th. Forms in Gathering Area. Please make your checks out to Trinity United Church of Christ and note in the memo line "poinsettias".

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. **November's "info gatherer is Joan Peck 717-253-1348 or denjopeck@comcast.net**

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CHECK OUT THE BEAUTIFUL CHURCH MODELS MADE BY HARRY HILBERT if you haven't already. Information on the History of those two churches is available in the Gathering Area. If you see Harry, please thank him! A lot of time and work went into the details.

ATTENDANCE 11/8/2026: 9:30am ***55***; On-line ***53 averaged***; Total ***108***

FINANCE REPORT 11/8/2026: AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

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

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

******* Trinity is nearing a large budget deficit. Please consider increasing your weekly giving to help Trinity meet this year's budget.***

THIS WEEK

Today, 11/15: Come to Church, Stay for Lunch
Monday, 11/16 ONA Surveys Due
Tuesday, 11/17: 1:15pm Spiritual Council
2:00pm Consistory
Wednesday, 11/18: NO Choir
Thursday, 11/19: NO Book Club
Friday, 11/20: NO Flutes

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	Pastor
Catherine Hammons	Liturgist
Sara Shank	Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh	Percussionist
Cathy Hammons	Liturgist
Neil Hollabaugh, Terry Krietz	Greeters
Joe Lysitt	Ushers
	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,	Tech Team

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

4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-flect your rays,
Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.

3. You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.

4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;
Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.
Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

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Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes **466**

John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, 1877; alt.

1. Un-to the hills we lift our long-ing eyes with yearn-ing sighs.
Who will pro-vide the help we sore-ly need? Who hears our cries?
From our Cre-a-tor comes our cer-tain aid.
Our help is from our God, who all things made.

2. God will not let our ser-vant feet be moved; safe we will be.
God will sup-ply, for all our nights and days, se-cu-ri-ty.
God does not sleep when we are tak-ing rest.
God's cov-e-nant en-dures through ev-ery test.

3. God is our keep-er, change-less through the years, a shel-ter strong.
God is our shade, pro-tect-ing ev-ery hand, through a-ges long.
Sun will not strike or harm through-out the day,
Nor moon by night, those liv-ing by God's way.

4. From ev-ery e-vil, God will keep our lives, from ev-ery sin.
God will pre-serve and guard our go-ing out, our com-ing in.
Ev-er a-round, with-in, we will a-dore
our God who holds and guides for-ev-er-more.

Ps. 121

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562 Take My Gifts

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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