

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 28, 2018

8:15a 10:30a

Welcome to Trinity United Church of Christ. We seek to offer a warm greeting to our visitors, whether you are visiting the area or seeking a church family. To assist you as you worship, we have large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices available. Please see an usher for assistance. We would be happy for you to sign the guest book in the gathering area while you are with us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you are in life's journey, we are glad that you have come, and pray that you will be blessed by your worship experience. Come and see what God is doing!

denotes the congregation standing as you are able; congregational responses in **bold print*

God is concerned about all aspects of our lives -- not only how often we pray, nor merely if we attend worship on a regular basis. Our God also desires that our daily lives reflect our spiritual commitment and growth. Therefore, our God looks at how we spend our leisure time, how our interactions with others reflects our faith, and how we spend our money. We seek to be faithful; we are accountable to God. May the decisions we make truly reflect our commitment to foster an awareness of God's presence at work in the world through us. That witness is only as effective as our commitment of time, energy, and tithe to God's will for our lives.

PRELUDE – “We Hail You God’s Anointed” – *M. Burkhardt*

TIME OF SHARING

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come before the Lord in humility, because we know we have fallen short.
Let us come before the Lord in expectation, because he has promised to be here with us.
Let us come before the Lord in confidence, because,
despite our failures, we know we are God's children.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We pray today for each one of us gathered here today.
Some of us come boldly, and others of us come hesitantly.
Some of us come because we really want to be here,
and others of us are here only because of habit.
Some of us are happy, and others of us come with deep concerns.
Some of us come with spiritual confidence,
and others come with questions and doubts.
Whatever our personal situation,
we know that you will receive us with love and grace,
and for this we are grateful.

***GATHERING HYMN # 104 "We Hail You God's Anointed"**

TIME OF CONFESSION

We are called to confession if we have distorted God's Word,
knowingly or unknowingly.

We are invited to repent
if our freedom in Christ has led others astray.

We join in prayer together
because the Church is not yet the perfect Body of Christ.

Let us seek God's forgiveness.

We pray for pardon,

**if we have not lived up to our calling as Christian believers;
if we have applied a lesser standard to ourselves than to others;**

if we have offended others by our speech or actions;

if we have allowed ill feelings to fester in our souls;

if we have allowed material things to skew our goals and ambitions.

Hear us, we pray, in the name of the One we have often followed so imperfectly.

Now let us silently reflect on the personal struggles and fears that keep us from being fully free.

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCY

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fellow followers of Jesus Christ,

remember your baptism,

remember God's forgiveness,

remember God's promises,

remember God's loving kindness toward you.

Thanks be to God for this magnificent gift of love.

*** RESPONSE # 42 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

And now, experiencing once again the forgiving power of our loving God, let us say what we believe, using the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Arr. John Ness Beck

Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

HYMN # 503 "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

QUIET PREPARATION

SERMON

* THE PRAYER FOR THE MORNING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

For we ask it in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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.

**And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,**

for ever. Amen

PRAYER RESPONSE # 423 "Great is Your Faithfulness" (verse 1)

Great is your faithfulness, God, O Creator, with you no shadows of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not; all of your goodness forever will be.
Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God unto me.

THE GIVING OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS

As we give, we become aware that there is joy in giving as well as in receiving,
in sharing as well as in accumulating.

*To our visitors - - the finances of the church are the responsibility of our church members.
As our guests, we ask visitors to simply pass the offering plate to the person sitting next to you in the pew.*

Please sign the Registration Booklet at the end of each pew, then pass it to the next person. Thank you!

OFFERTORY – "Meditation" – J. Patten

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE "For the Life That You Have Given" (Tune of # 397)

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own.
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give this morning because we love — we love you, our God;
we love Jesus Christ, your Son;
and we love and care about others,
even those we will never meet.

*CLOSING HYMN # 311 "Renew Your Church"

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE – "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" – R. Powell

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