

Trinity United Church of Christ Worship Bulletin

Letting God's light shine since 1901

We worship God and seek to share His Word with everyone through faith in Jesus Christ

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All Saints Sunday

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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity!

Gathering and Preparing to Worship

Thoughts Before Worship

by the United Methodist Church

As you come hungry and thirsty for God's word, may it satisfy your hunger, quench your thirst, and nourish your soul. Today, slow down and listen to all God's promises and receive the abundance of God's inexhaustible grace.

Sounding of the Bells

Throughout the centuries, bells have rung to call people to worship or bring them news. We use the chiming of the bell to joyously call us to worship, and prepare ourselves.

Welcoming

One: Welcome to worship today at Trinity United Church of Christ in Westville Illinois. If you are worshipping with us on line, you can download a bulletin from our church's website www.trinityuccwestville.org. They are located in the events section under today's date, Let us now pause for prayer to calm ourselves down and prepare our hearts to worship our living and loving God.

Opening with Prayer

by Rev. Terri C. Pulraski

One: Let us pray...

Many: Holy One, God of all that was and is and ever will be

Bless all the saints with the light of your love

Bless those who have gone before us and

those who are with us still and

those who will be.

Amen.

Announcements

Call to Worship

Based on one by Nancy Townley

One: Welcome this day, to a celebration of hope, and remembrance.

All: We have come from a busy week in which we have been pulled this way and that, with demands on our lives, our time, and our energy.

One: All who are weary come and rest in the Lord who heals your soul, and restores your spirit.

All: We are tired, and need this restoration in all of our lives.

One: Pour out your needs to the Lord who will always hear and respond.

All: O Lord, we praise you and seek your calming spirit in our lives.

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou was their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west.
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,
as God to glory calls them all away.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Confession

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Here in this community of those who seek God, we know we are not saints.
We are wrapped in those torn strips of words, of thoughts, of actions which bind us to sin, and not to God.
But our merciful God has promised us new hope, new life, and a fresh start, if we will but confess. I invite
you to join me, as we pray together our prayer of confession as printed in the bulletin...

Prayer of Confession and Letting Go

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Let us pray...
All: Lord, we come to you, the listener of our broken lives, with our hands dirtied with the pain we have
caused, with our ears stuffed with the words of those who speak falsely, with our hearts stained
with those desires and hungers we would be embarrassed for others to know.

Please take a few moments of silence for personal reflection.

One: Let us continue...
All: Forgive us and have mercy on us, wipe away our tears, as we seek to journey from the baptismal
waters towards the feast you prepare in glory. Help us to turn our faces toward you in every
moment, listen to your words in the depths of our hearts, and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Savior, every step of the way. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness and Assurance

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Lift up your heads, saints of God! Your sin is gone; your hands once clinging to foolishness are now open
and empty as the tomb. God has forgiven you and clothed you with garments of joy to wear to the feast.
Many: Our former life has passed, our new life in Christ has begun. All things are new including us!
Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Sharing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Young or old; rich or poor; sinner or saint, we are all God's children, and God can transform each one of us into the compassionate people we were meant to be. To this peace we were called as members of a single body, So let us begin this journey by sharing the peace of Christ with those around you.

Please type in, post and share the peace of Christ with those gathered.

Please make sure your comments are appropriate. You can use words such as
"The peace of Christ be with you,"

Listening for God's Still Speaking Voice

Prayer for Illumination

by Rev. Terri C. Pulraski

One: Let us pray...

Many: Holy One, as we listen to Your word, send your Spirit among us.

May it inspire our imaginations and wills in the things that make for peace.

We pray this in the name of the One who was called the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Today

Matthew 5:1-12

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,
2 and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

A Refection on the Word

Responding to the Word, and Remembering Our Saints

One: We are now in a thin place. A time of transition from light to dark, from living to dying. Yet, as the days grow colder, and the nights longer, we still pause to not only affirm those whose lives were lost this year, but remember that their lights still burn brightly in our lives. Let us look to the God of light and everlasting life, as we pause to remember of those who call to our memories those whose lives have touched us in a special way and who rest in your presence God.

Remembering our Saints

One: Today, we lift up the members and friends of Trinity United Church of Christ, upon whose passing this church gathered together to mourn. As well as family and friends whose passing we still grieve.

As each name is read or spoken, the bell will be rung

One: These, and others are your holy ones, Lord. Until we join with your people in praise at your throne, we will press on. And, gathered in the company of your saints from every age, we praise you, One God, world without end.

All: Amen.

* Hymn of Response #712 Blue Hymnal **Be Still My Soul**

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Offering of Our Gifts and Our Lives

By Henrietta Stith Andrews

One: Our witness to Christ may not be the ultimate sacrifice of our lives.

Our witness may simply be to say "Yes" to the call
To share all of our gifts generously and wholeheartedly.
God takes delight in us whether we are able to participate
by providing support or whether we are among those who receive support.
The invitation awaits our bold but joy-filled response.

Your gifts are used in service to others through the ministries and mission of Trinity United Church of Christ. We graciously thank all who are able to support Trinity UCC during this time.

To mail your offering or pledge, please send it to

Trinity United Church of Christ, 311 E. Moses Ave. Westville, IL. 61883

Our morning offering will now be received

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* Blessing What We Can Give Back to God

By Henrietta Stith Andrews

One: Let us pray...

Many: As gathered Saints, in this time and place, we have the opportunity to feed others from the abundance of all we have, to swallow up the pain and suffering of others, to wipe away the tears of children who are lonely and fearful. May the gifts we offer, and the lives we lead, reveal the One for whom we have waited and who invites us to spread grace over all the world.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please drop off any prayer requests in the basket located in the narthex, or in the offering plate.

Please only first names, and keep your prayers appropriate to our worship.

If you are worshipping via Facebook Livestream

Please type in and post in the comments section and share any prayer requests.

We will try and get to every prayer posted during worship.

If we don't get to your request, we will lift up your requests after worship.

After Pastor David reads the petition, he will say "Lord in Your mercy,"
and the congregation will respond with **"Hear our prayer..."**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

*** Our Hymn of Departure**

#444 Blue Hymnal

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above:

of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.

It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,

'twill be my theme in glory,

to tell the old, old story

of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems

Than all the golden visions of all the golden dreams

I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you

Because I want to share it, because I know its true.

[Refrain]

3 I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat

what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard

the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

[Refrain]

4 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungry and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

[Refrain]

*** Charge and Benediction**

One: Go forth from this place as a flowing stream in the midst of a parched desert, pouring the love of God upon the hearts and lives of all you meet so that hope might take root and blossom.

Go forth from this place into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and all your strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.

Many: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

One: And now, as you go, know that the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you is with you today and for ever more. Knowing this, may laughter and joy go with you every step of your journey.

All: Amen.

***Congregational Response Sing "A-men"**



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