

Trinity United Church of Christ Worship Bulletin

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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**. The bulletins 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.**

Hymn of Gathering **For All the Saints Vs. 1 – 5**

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 Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." **6** So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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 those who call to our memories, and 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**

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

A Liturgy for the Breaking of Bread

From Food For The Road: Life Lessons From The Lord's Table © 2005 By John van de Laar

One: Gathering Once again we gather, from different homes and circumstances, with different dreams and ideas, different values and tastes, different in age and color, different in gender and language, Yet, we are one family – Children of God every one;

Many: We join our hearts in worship, we join our voices in praise and we join our lives as the Body of Christ. Amen.

One: O God, who shaped us, and nurtures us, we, Your children, praise You; for the breath of life that moves within us, and within all living things.

Many: Praise be to our Life-Giver! Hallelujah!

One: O Lord, who shared our flesh, and made for us a way into God's Kingdom we, Your sisters and brothers, praise You; for Your life and words among us, and for giving Yourself to be broken so that we and our world could be healed.

Many: Praise be to our Life-Renewer! Hallelujah!

One: O Spirit of God, who re-unites us with our Creator, with each other and with ourselves, we, Your people, praise You; for the Living Water that quenches our thirst and for the divine image that You recreate in us and every person.

Many: Praise be to our Life-Energizer! Hallelujah!

One: Let us pray...

Many: God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Love is Your nature, and love is Your gift, We praise You for inviting us into Your family, and for igniting Your love in our hearts. Amen.

Confession And Request

One: Lord God, we have found a home in You; We have found a family in You; We have found a place to belong; to know and be known to love and be loved. And we are so grateful for this awesome gift. But, too easily, we forget the benefits it brings;

Many: We have forgotten our place, and doubted Your love;

One: Remind us, and all who feel neglected by You, that we are engraved on Your hands. We have forgotten who we are, and have failed to care for ourselves; Remind us, and all who feel worthless, that You have called each one of us by name.

Many: We have forgotten our connectedness, and have divided ourselves; Remind us, and all who would exclude, oppress and condemn others, that we are all made in Your image, and we are all one body.

One: As this bread is Christ's body for us, help us to be the body of Christ in the world. Let us, as the body of Christ, pause to lift up those in need of our prayers this morning...

Prayers of intercession for people in need may be offered here.

One: Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weaknesses, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. And when the past is finally behind us and we are gathered in the new Jerusalem with our sisters and brothers of every time and place, we will join our hands around your feast, and sing your praises from the depths of our hearts, we ask these things, both spoken and unspoken, in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray

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**

Breaking of Bread; Pouring of Wine

One: Let us Pray

Many: We believe in the God who made every human being in God's image. We believe in Jesus Christ who died to reconcile every human being to God, and to restore our common humanity. We believe in the Holy Spirit that has always hovered over creation, and ignites love's fire in our hearts. We believe in the community of faith that worships God, follows Jesus, and lives by the Spirit. And we believe in the time when all things will be made new, and all things will be brought together under Jesus Christ. Amen

One: Lord God, we praise You and we thank You, we are the product of Your creativity, made to be like You; When we rebelled against You, and denied our true selves, You stepped into our flesh and our reality, and submitted to the cross so that we could find our way home. And now, in gratitude, we join in the love song of creation for all eternity:

**Many: Jesus died;
Jesus came alive again;
Jesus is coming back**

One: We remember how all things were made new: On the night before He died, Jesus took the loaf of bread, and after blessing it, and breaking it, He gave it to His friends:

Many: Remember Me whenever You eat. This is my body given for all.

One: When supper was finished, He took the cup of wine, and after blessing it, He gave it to His friends:

Many: Remember Me whenever You drink. This is my blood shed for all.

One: With thanksgiving we eat and drink; With joy we remember, And with Christ's inclusive love we gather together around His table.

All: Amen.

Sharing the Elements

One: Christ, our host, offers us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Come, all has been prepared.

(Please take what you are using for the bread of life and hold it up)

The body of Christ, broken for you, take and eat.

(Please take what you are using for the cup of salvation and hold it up)

The cup of Salvation, poured out for you, take and drink.

Prayer After Communion

One: Let us pray...

Many: Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Help us to grow so that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call to serve all of your children in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** Our Hymn of Departure 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 hungering 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**

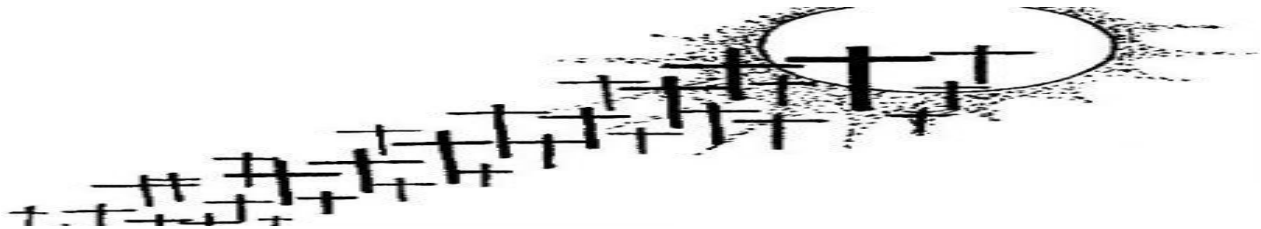
One: Go forth from this place as a flowing stream in the midst of a parched desert, pouring the love of God upon the hearts and lives of all you meet so that hope might take root and blossom.
Go forth from this place into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind,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