

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

Gathering and Preparing to Worship

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

One: Let us pray...

Many: **Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

Announcements

Call to Worship

By Rev Thom Shuman

One: We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

Many: **With you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.**

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

Many: **With you is the fountain of grace; in your Hope we see hope.**

One: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

Many: **With you is the fountain of joy; in your Life we see life.**

Hymn of Gathering The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end.
Tho' there be those that hate her
and strive to see her fail,
against both foe and traitor
she ever shall prevail.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Call to Confession and Reconciliation

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me in praying our prayer of confession

Prayer of Confession and Letting Go

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Let us pray...

All: God of all ages, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated the lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Please take a few moments of silence for personal reflection.

One: Let us continue...

All: Forgive us God, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Words of Forgiveness and Assurance

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: God delights in you. So much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent, but

will call you by name: 'My Child.'

All: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us! 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.

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. Thom Shuman

One: Let us pray...

Many: Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Today John 2:1-11

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

A Refection on the Word

*** Hymn of Response** **There Are Many Ways of Sharing by Carolyn Winfrey Gillett
Sung to the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

1There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
2There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
3God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
4Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

**2 We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.**

**3 All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Our Lives

One: As God has so richly blessed us, in our gratitude let us return a portion of these blessings back to God,
If you are able, please consider giving to the work and ministry
You may drop your offering for today in the basket out in the Narthex.
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 UCC 311 E. Moses Ave. Westville, IL. 61883

***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**

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Prayers of the People

Please drop off any prayer requests in the basket located in the narthex.
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 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther.
There is no sha-dow of turn-ing with thee.
Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.

[Refrain:]

Great is thy faith ful- ness!
Great is thy faith- ful-ness!
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see.
All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vi-ded.
Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, unto me!

2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all na-ture in man-i-fold witness
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,
thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,
strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row;
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side! [Refrain]

*** Charge and Benediction**

One: God sends us out to the lonely, the forsaken.

Many: We will go to gather them up into the heart of love.

One: Jesus sends us out to throw a party for those who nibble at the stale crusts offered by the world.

Many: We will go to sit with those who have no family, to fill their lives with hope and grace.

One: The Spirit sends us forth, as transformed people, as those who have been given new names.

Many: We will go to those stuck deep in the muck of life, who long for new days, for new joy,
for new wonder.

One: So go out peacefully into the world. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and all your strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

One: And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forever. And may laughter and joy go with you every step of your journey.

Many: Amen.

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