

# 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**

*\*Denotes to please stand in body or in spirit*

#### **Thoughts Before Worship**

**By Nancy C. Townley**

Our lives can get so noisy. In this moment, take the time to calm your spirit, rest your body.  
Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd who desires the best for you.

#### **Checking in on social media**

You are invited to take the time to check in on social media and let people know where you are.  
First, it helps get the word out on Trinity United Church of Christ in Westville  
Second, it can give you a good alibi, just in case you need one.

#### **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](http://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**

**From Rev. Gal Pals**

One: Let us pray...

**Many: Lord, we are yours and you have called us in the midst of daily lives to follow you, to serve you, to spread your good news. We want to do so, but Lord we often feel unworthy.**

**Calm our fears, so that we may know deep within ourselves your love, grace and forgiveness.**

**Empower us to follow you, to serve you, and to tell others the good news. Amen.**

#### **Announcements**

##### **Call to Worship**

**From Rev. Thom Shuman**

One: It is by grace that we are who we are:

**Many: people who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.**

One: It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

**Many: people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.**

One: It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

**Many: people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.**

**\*Hymn of Gathering**

**#3 Blue Hymnal**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Call to Confession**

**By Rev. Thom Shuman**

One: It is so simple to say, yet so difficult to live out - 'do not be afraid!' Yet, whatever fear burdens us, God will lift from our souls. Whatever foolishness we have uttered, God whispers mercy to us. Whatever wrong we have done, God's forgiveness is poured out upon us. I invite you to join with me as we pray to the One whose love is constant in every moment, in every place, of our lives.

**Prayer of Confession and Letting Go**

**By Rev. Thom Shuman**

One: Let us pray...

All: **God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal i-pods, that we have trouble seeing and hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.**

Please take a few moments of silence for personal reflection.

One: Let us continue...

All: **Forgive us, God. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness and Assurance**

**By Rev. Thom Shuman**

One: The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

Many: **By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, and restored, followers of Christ. Thanks be to God. 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: In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
As a forgiven and renewed people, please share 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**

One: Let us pray...

**Many: Lord, open our ears to hear, our minds to discern, and our hearts to take in and dwell upon your word today. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**Isaiah 6: 1 - 8**

**Isaiah's Commission**

**6** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3** And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

**4** At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

**5** "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

**6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

**8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

**Luke 5:1-11**

**Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

**5** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret (That is, the Sea of Galilee) the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

**2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

**4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."**5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything.

But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

### **A Refection on the Word**

#### **\* Hymn of Response**

**#592 Blue Hymnal**

**Jesus Call Us**

**1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his voice invites me,  
saying "Christian, follow me!"**

**2 As the first disciples heard it  
by the Gal-i-le-an lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.**

**3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying "Christian, love me more."**

**4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,  
Savior, help us hear your call;  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all!**

#### **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 as the Usher brings it forward. 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**

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 Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Let us pray...

Many: God who alone is holy, we offer our gifts, our lives, our compassion, our service to others, and to your creation. Bless all that we offer, so that we might be blessings of hope, peace, and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**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**

**\*Hymn of Departure**

**#589 Blue Hymnal**

**Here I Am Lord**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*(Refrain)*

Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

2. I the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my Word to them  
Whom shall I send?

*(Refrain)*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

*(Refrain)*

**\* Charge and Benediction**

One: Filled with God's grace, we will go,

**Many: to share hope with those in despair, to befriend the lonely and afraid.**

One: Filled with God's grace, we will follow Jesus,

**Many: to offer justice to those forgotten by the world, to embrace those filled with grief and loss.**

One: Filled with God's grace, we are empowered by the Spirit,

**Many: to bring peace into all the brokenness around us, to walk in faith beside our sisters and brother.**

One: Filled with God's grace, we will continue to go in Jesus' name

**Many: And make disciples wherever we are, by our words or by our actions**

One: Filled with God's grace, continue to 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 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.**

**Sing Amen!**

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or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity UCC***