

# Trinity United Church of Christ "Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost" August 4, 2024 10:00 a.m.

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

# I Love to Tell the Story

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ: We exist to Love people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Meditation of the Day "Who trusts in God lacks nothing" ~Swahili proverb~

#### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

This is a **Safe and Loving Place, a "Sanctuary**" for worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that '**No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey,** You are Welcome Here!

**Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by** 

**Hannah Matthews** 

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

#### \*Call to Community

**MB Brainerd** 

One: The world says there is not enough, the world says there is too much need.

All: Christ calls us into the ways of faith.

One: The world has too many problems, there is too much to be done.

All: Christ calls us into the ways of hope.

One: The world is too divided, there are too many wars and too much violence.

All: Christ calls us into the ways of peace.

One: There is just too much to think about, it would be easier to think about ourselves.

All: Christ calls us into the ways of love.

One: Christ calls us to love others as we love ourselves, and in Christ's love, we know that faith surpasses all understanding.

All: We are not alone. Let us worship Christ together on this journey of faith.

## \*Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you

Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.

\*Opening Hymn: "Come Forth, O Love Divine" (#289 NCH)

#### **Call to Reconciliation**

Litany of Brokenness (inspired by Psalm 51 & 2 Kings 2)

One: God of the blazing chariots, the whirling wind, the sacred silence.

All: Listen softly to the confessions of our hearts.

~silence is kept~

## **Words of Blessing**

One: Create clean hearts in us.

All: Renew right spirits within us.
One: Shelter us within your presence.
All: Sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation.

One: Blazing, whirling, sacred God,

All: inhabit and transform our stories. Amen.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Children are Dismissed for Children's Church

\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Ephesians 4:1-16 MB Brainerd Unity in the Body of Christ

**Second Reading** John 6:24-35 Pastor Katie Bread of Heaven

The Message Fed by the Bread of Life Pastor Katie

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Invitation to Generosity** 

\*Choral Response: Doxology (#778 NCH)

\*Blessing Our Gifts.

All: Bread of Life, bless these gifts and our lives offered in response to the blessings we receive as we are nourished and fed by your life - spiritual food which endures and transforms lives. May we bless others by the blessings we receive as we are nourished and fed by your life - spiritual food which endures and transforms lives. May we bless others by being signs of your transforming work in the world, sharing bread with the hungry and witnessing to our belief in you. Amen

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

\*Hymn of Preparation "Just As I Am Without One Plea" (# 260 LC) (requested by Jean Simmons & Bonnie Greenholtz)

# **The Communion Prayer**

One: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in to this holy mystery. Come

All: We are ready!

One: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty,

All: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

# The Story

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

All: "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said...

All: "Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

#### **Blessing the Meal**

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread ...

All: We participate in the Body of Christ.

One: Through the cup of blessing ...

All: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready!

# **Sharing the Family Meal**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (adapted from the Church of Ireland)

One: Mighty God, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us.

All: You came to meet us in your Son the Christ, welcomed us as your children, and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

One: As we give thanks for the gift of this bread, Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

All: And as we lift up the cup of your covenant, Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

One: Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine one body with our Savior Jesus Christ. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

All: O Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise. Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

One: And now with the confidence of your children, we offer the prayer our Savior taught us:

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

\*Closing Hymn: "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely" #285 (Chalice)

\*Benediction

\*Carrying the Light into the World

\*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

#### **Worship Notes and Resources**

**Adapted from** https://liturgybits.wordpress.com, Communion Liturgies - enfleshed

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#### **Leadership**

Katie Penick Pastor

Hannah Matthews Director of Music

MB Brainerd Lay Readers

Deb Persinger Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders Hannah Matthews

MB Brainerd

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 11, 2024

First Reading "You are Standing at the Edge of the Woods" by Mary Oliver

**Second Reading** Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Rules for New Life

Third Reading John 6:35, 41-51

Bread of Heaven

The Message Spiritually Fed

#### **Scrip Gift Cards**

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or wsmdem@comcast.net

#### **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday September Newsletters - Monday, August 26

#### **Meeting Dates**

Consistory – Wednesday, August 7 @ 7pm Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

#### **Budget Information:**

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: \$TBA Attendance: 32

**Building Fund/Fundraising:\$TBA** 

Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns**

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

# **Prayer requests:**

Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom
Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price
Lisa Frederick
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Sam Van Nuys
Kathy Peters and family

Kathy Peters and family
Mary and George Pietsch
Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte Gina Tollini Shirley Wood

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Tuesdays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028



Breakfast Club each Saturday at 10 am

Each week, you will make new friends and learn about God with children and youth from different churches!

To register for the zoom link

email: trinitychristianeducation2727@gmail.com

# Hymn Requests

We are collecting hymn requests for Sunday's worship. Please pick up a form at the rear of the sanctuary and then place it in the box.

# **Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information**

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