



Extravagant Sign

01/16/2022

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity Reformed UCC, where all are welcome, especially those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, rich, middle-class, poor, LGBTQIA+ (or not), living nearby or far away. No matter where you were born, what language you speak, your skin color, ethnicity, culture, ability, or disability, we welcome you. We also want you to know that we love crying newborns, active toddlers, kids, youths, adults, and seniors, and people who are thick, thin, short, tall, or in between. We welcome you whether you can sing high, sing low, sing only in the shower, try to sing, or if you cannot carry a tune in a bucket (our pastor can't either). You're welcome if you are a first-time visitor, have been here before, are a member, or if you do not really know why/what/who brought you here. We welcome You if you attend church weekly, sometimes, rarely, never, or if this your first time ever. We welcome you if you are baptized, aren't baptized, don't know, or don't even know what that means. We extend a special welcome to you if you have been hurt by Church and hope you will find nothing but love here. Please know that we welcome you with all your questions and doubts, beliefs, disbeliefs, and unbelief. In short:

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey: You are welcome here.

Period.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

ONSITE

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 2nd and 4th Sunday 8:30 a.m.

ONLINE

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Live at tinyurl.com/trinf

Recordings will be on our website.

See our website for more info!



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CHURCH EVENTS

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

*The Third Sunday after Worship
(beginning in February 2022)*

ANNUAL MEETING

January 23, 2022 @ 12:00 PM

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 24, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Annual & Council meeting online via zoom
Meeting ID 6104894223
Password Trinity

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne E. Schwarz-Green

Organist: Risa Okina

Cherub, Junior & Chancel Choirs: Carolyn Santoro

Chime, Youth Bell & Adult Bell Choirs: Cindy Golden

The liturgical color of "Ordinary Time" is green. Green represents growth. The banners in the sanctuary were created by and a gift from Amy Overholtzer.

NEW OR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for choosing to worship here today. We are blessed by your presence. If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to be on our email list, please let one of the ushers know and/or fill out one of the visitor cards located in the pews.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children are always welcome at Trinity. We do not currently offer a staffed nursery; however, greeters can provide you with an activity pad for your child. If you require a space to care for your child's needs, an usher can help point you to the nursery.

THANK YOU

Altar Flowers: Hubie Bishop – Given by the family - in loving memory of Clinton Bishop and Stephen Fornoff

Usher/s: N/A

Greeter/s: N/A

Reader: TBD

Prayer Box

Please include the following individuals/causes to your daily prayers this week:

Special Requests: Jo R. • Jade S, her maternal grandparents & Family • George D. • Bill D. & family (Brother of Lynne P) • Jim K. (son-in-law of Anne U., cancer) • Jer and Whitney (friends of Heather W.) • Lindsay J. & Family (friends & neighbors of the Snowden Family).

Ongoing Requests: Jackie H., daughter of Angela S. • Lois G. • Peggy B. (friend of Karolyn M.) • Hubie B. • Leslie H. • Joan R. • Flo S. • Ron H. (friend of Earl & Cheryl H) • Nera K. (Aunt of Nick V.) • Brent & family (nephew of Deb S.) • Dick (brother of Deb S.) • Mary Ellen & Glenn D.



Order of Worship

January 16, 2021 – Second Sunday after Epiphany (Virtual Service)

GATHERING MUSIC

MIKE RUHL

PRELUDE

RISA OKINA

WORDS OF WELCOME, BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION, AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

P: God has given us gifts for the common good— each of us individually, and all of us collectively. When we hear a call from those who need what God has given, will we share what we have drawn from the fountain of life? Let us worship God so we may go out into the world to be the body of Christ.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 36:5-9 (CEB, EDITED)

L: Your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies;
your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains;
your justice is like the deepest sea.

L: Lord, you save both humans and animals.

All: Your faithful love is priceless, God!
We find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

L: They feast on the bounty of your house; you let them drink from your river of pure joy.

All: Within you is the spring of life. In your light, we see light.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our hear world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

(Moment of silent contemplation, confession, and prayer)

All: Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Let us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear the good news: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from the slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

NCH #423

"GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS"

VERSES 1 & 3

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

All: Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.
Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5

Gospel:

Luke 2:1-11

SERMON

"CALLED TO DELIGHT"

HYMN OF PRAISE

NCH #4 "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE YOU"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

L: God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Let us pledge to bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise, for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

(YOU MAY GIVE ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE OR BY PLACING YOUR OFFERING IN THE OFFERING PLATE AT THE SANCTUARY ENTRANCE.)



PRAYER OF DEDICATIONAL AND THANKSGIVING

All: At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying

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.

*PARTING HYMN

NCH 82

"GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING" (FIRST VERSE)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

RISA OKINA

**Congregation may stand.*



Onsite Worship – please listen for announcements in worship, contact the church office, or check our website at www.trinityucccollegetville.org for a return to onsite worship.

January 23rd – Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** at NOON online via zoom and by telephone. *Please note that our newsletter erroneously stated that the Annual Meeting will begin at 11 a.m. This is incorrect.* The correct starting time for the meeting is noon. Please attempt to log in about 10 to 15 minutes before the meeting.

Information on how to access the meeting can be found in the January Newsletter or you may call or email the church and the information will be sent to you. To avoid so called "Zoom bombing", the interruption of the meeting by persons logging in for no reason other than to interrupt it, we do not wish to post this information publicly.



WE NEED YOU

Ready To Step Up? If you are interested in serving on the church council or any of the committees, please let Pastor Suzanne or any of the council members know. We are in urgent need of two more people willing to step up and serve Trinity and the congregation.

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

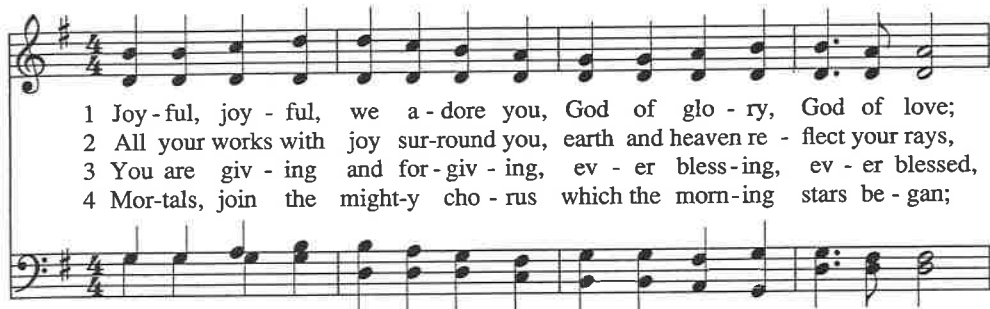
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

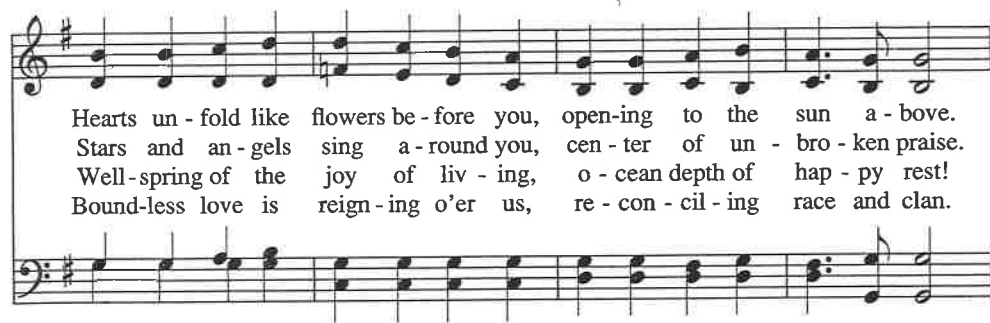
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

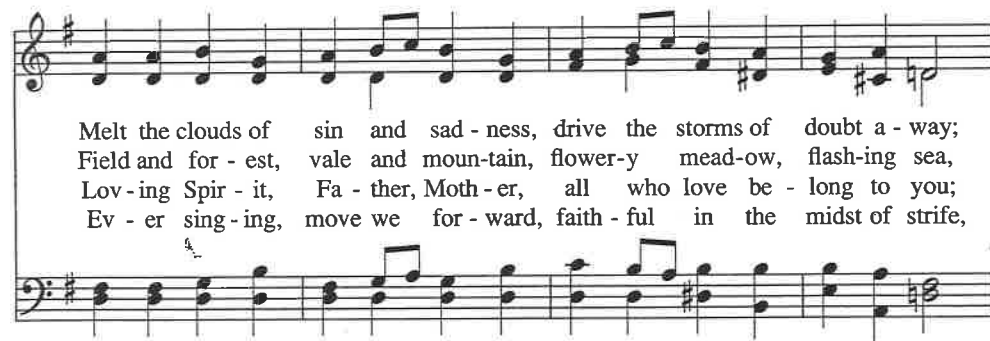
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



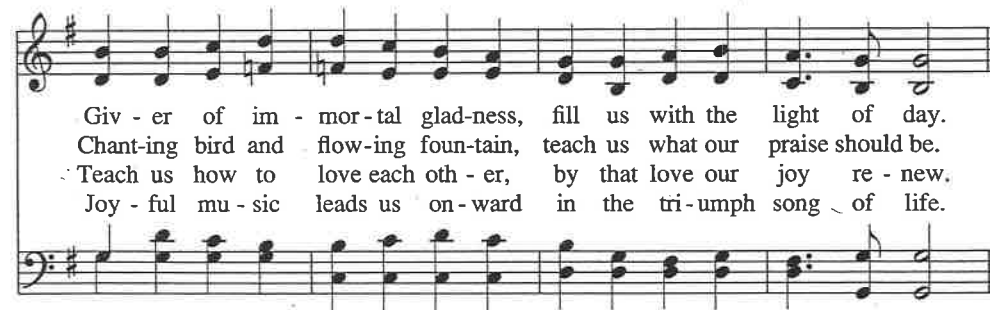
1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-lect your rays,
 3 You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

For marriage services, this stanza may be sung between stanzas 1 and 2 above.

In this un-ion I have joined you hus-band and wife,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life:
Each the oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing,
each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life.

American hymnwriter and translator Jaroslav Vajda crafted this benediction text as though God were "dismissing the congregation after worship, while drawing together a review of the events that transpired during the service." The wedding stanza was a later addition.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.

Traditional Welsh melody

For another harmonization, see 425

Fun for Young and Old

THE WEDDING AT CANA

CAN YOU SPOT THE 20 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES?



**TRINITY REFORMED UCC IN COLLEGEVILLE WILL BE
HOSTING A VACCINATION CLINIC***

January 18, 2022

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.



- **COVID VACCINES AND BOOSTERS (ADULT & PEDIATRIC, MODERNA & PFIZER)**
- **FLU SHOTS**
- **SHINGLES VACCINES**

Contact the church at 610-489-4223 or via email to trinityucc1854@verizon.net to register. Please indicate the type of vaccine you are registering for and desired timeslot

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(please enter via ramp on side of church)
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

John 2:1-11

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Weddings join more than the people being married. They join families, traditions, and stories. Generations come together. Children who were strangers become cousins. Two become one in many ways. In this story told in John's Gospel, there is a wedding with a problem. The wine has run out. Jesus is there, with his mother. In the hands of this gospel author that situation turns into an opportunity to make a point about a moment in the first century when the religious landscape was changing. This is a story about the transformation of traditions.

During the time that John's Gospel came into being, synagogues were being disrupted by Jews who were proclaiming a new religious vision within the context of Judaism. Their voices were raised in worship and community gatherings. What they proclaimed was disruptive to the religious traditions of their day. They were saying that a carpenter's son who was crucified by Roman guards was the Messiah for whom they have been waiting. Talk about conflict! Talk about turmoil! It must have been hard for everyone. John's gospel emerged in the middle of this commotion. That is why this Gospel often takes traditional religious symbols of its day and puts them in the hands of Jesus who transforms them.

The jugs that Jesus fills with wine were used for religious rituals of cleansing. What was sacred and symbolic is, after Jesus gets through with them, now filled with wine...a symbol of celebration and newness. There are many ways we can think about this. One is that by using ritual vessels for wine Jesus joins what we think of as ordinary with our sacred practices.

Many of our churches experiment with new ways of worship and new ways of transforming old traditions. In Cleveland, at our own Amistad Chapel, in the summer of 2018, artists gathered from all over the country. They were visual artists, dancers, scholars of liturgy, writers, and storytellers. They gathered to create and wonder and experiment and discover a new language of our faith – a language for a new century already well underway. They gathered to develop resources for the local church and to support our justice work, and they all came to share how the sacred speaks through our creative selves made in God's image. One of the participants, Rev. Erin Beardemphl said this about art, "If we could, in our churches and in our communities, show people that they really are creative beings, I expect the world would be so much more loving." Like what Jesus did at the wedding, they were filling old vessels with new wine.



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