

Imagine



05/15/2022

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 FELLOWSHIP

May 22, 2021 - after Worship

**SPONSORS NEEDED! PLEASE
CONTACT CAROL WASHBURN OR
THE CHURCH OFFICE**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne E. Schwarz-Green

Organist: Dr. Risa Okina

Cherub, Junior & Chancel Choirs: Carolyn Santoro

Chime, Youth Bell & Adult Bell Choirs: Cindy Golden

The liturgical color of "Eastertide" is white.

Sunrises, lilies, and butterflies are often used as symbols of the resurrection. The "Son

Rise/Sunrise" 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: Jan Berry - In memory of loved ones

Usher/s:

Greeter/s:

Reader: Peg Schwarz-Green

Prayer Box

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

Special Requests: Ruth F. (various medical concerns) • Bob, Melissa W.'s father • Audrey S. and son, Michael S. • Bill, son of Nancy A. (safely back from Ukraine) • Cheryl W. (recovering from knee surgery) and family and friends attending to Cheryl's needs • Jade, granddaughter of Lisa K.'s cousin • Gavin, son of Heather W.'s friend • Laura M., mother of Heather W. and brother Mike and father Bruce • Eric and family, friend of Beth Z. • Betty Jane K. and Family • Shannon C. & Family • George D. • Bill D. & family (Brother of Lynne P) • Jer (friend of Heather W.) • An end to the war on Ukraine

Ongoing Requests: Connie C. (mother of Missy W.) • Jackie H. (daughter of Angela S.) • 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.) • Mary Ellen & Glenn D.

Order of Worship

May 15, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

"ODE TO JOY"

BEETHOVEN

WORDS OF WELCOME AND BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION

Each morning we awake to a blank canvass. Our God makes all things new!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: As the sun rises in the morning,

C: let all creation worship God.

P: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

C: let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord,

P: for God alone is worthy to be praised.

C: God alone makes all things new.

P: Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence.

All: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P. Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

(Moment of silent contemplation, confession, and prayer. You may be seated)

All: God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. We forget, or never really knew, that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is. So when we exclude, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love. May we be made holy in truth, loving as you love, clean and unclean alike. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

KYRIE NCH 750 (LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US. CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US. LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: When we are thirsty, God renews our souls with living waters. Drink deeply, knowing that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN "LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING" SEE INSERT

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

All: O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

First Reading	Acts 11:1-8
Second Reading	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel	John 13:31-35

SERMON

*HYMN NCH #394 "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST" vs 1-4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PRAYER RESPONSE (#501 – BLUE HYMNAL)

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-men.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: JESUS SAID, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

(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.)



OFFERTORY CHANCEL CHOIR & CONGREGATION NCH 595 "SOME GLAD MORNING"

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (BLUE HYMNAL #506)

We give Thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-men.

750
Kyrie

Text: Traditional, 6th century

Music: The American Lutheran Hymnal

Leader

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation or choir

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Let All Things Now Living



1. Let all things now liv-ing a song of thanks-giv-ing to
2. The law God en - forc-es, the stars in their cours-es and



God the Cre - at - or tri - um-phant - ly raise, who
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the



fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains, the



guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim the Di - vine. We,



ban - ners fly o'er us; God's light goes be - fore us, a
too, should be voic-ing our love and re - joic-ing; with



pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise, till



shad-ows have van-ish-ed and dark - ness is ban-ish-ed, as
all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks-giv - ing: To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est ho - san - na and praise!

In Christ There Is No East or West

1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where their high com-mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei-ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com-mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold-en cord close - bind - ing hu - man-kind.
 For men and wom-en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through-out the whole wide earth.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.
 African-American melody
 Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
 Alternate setting: ST. PETER

Congregational Responses

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - #501 – BLUE HYMNAL)

pp Devoutly

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first two lines of the prayer. The second system contains the final line of the prayer. The music is marked *pp Devoutly*. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;" followed by "Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN." on the second line.

OFFERTORY - #506 BLUE HYMNAL

We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-MEN.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first line of the offertory. The second system contains the second line of the offertory. The lyrics are: "We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;" followed by "All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-MEN." on the second line.

Some Glad Morning

(I'll Fly Away)

595

Albert E. Brumley, 1932

Ps. 55:6

G G7 C G

1 Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a-way;
 2 When the shad-ows of this life have gone, fly a-way, fly a-way;
 3 Just a few more wea-ry days and then,

G D7 G C G

to a home on God's ce-les-tial shore, I'll fly a-way.
 Like a bird from pris-on bars has flown, fly a-way, fly a-way.
 To a land where joys shall nev-er end,

Refrain G G7 C G C G

I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll fly a-way;
 fly a-way, fly a-way, in the morn-ing;

D7 G C G

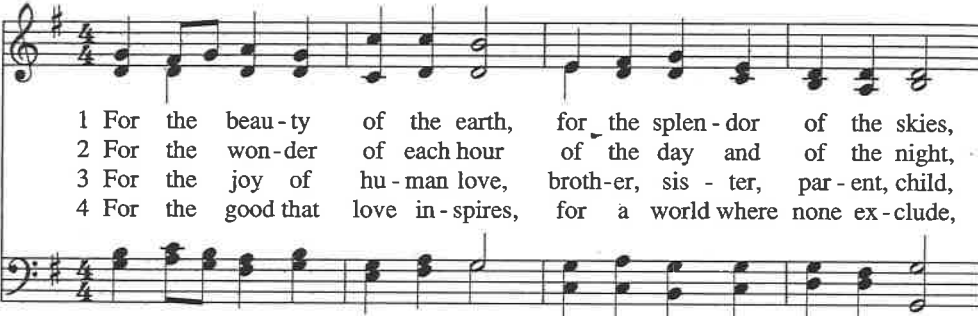
When I die, hal-le-lu-jah, by and by, I'll fly a-way.
 fly a-way, fly a-way.

This is a favorite song of the golden age of gospel music, in which heaven is vividly described and highly desired. Albert E. Brumley's musical style grew out of his Ozark mountain roots.

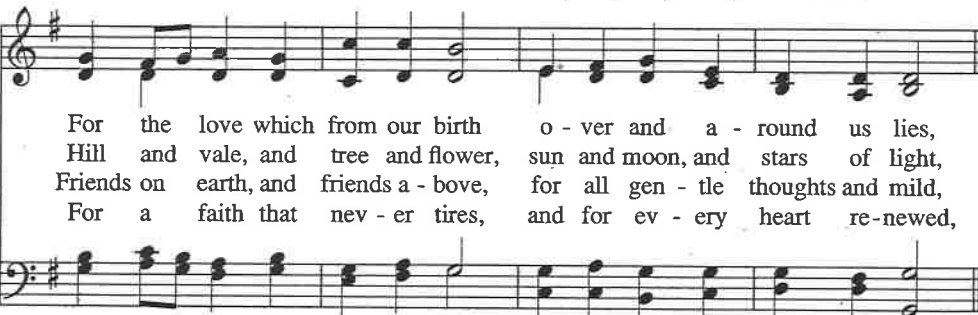
Tune: I'LL FLY AWAY 9.4.9.4 with refrain
 Albert E. Brumley, 1932

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, *Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.*
 St. 4, *Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

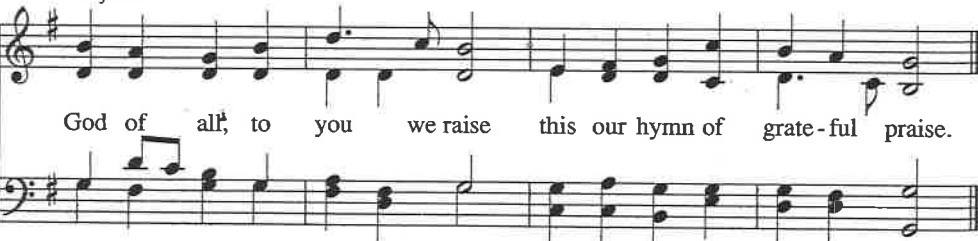


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

INGRESSIONAL RESPONSE #812 "THREEFOLD AMEN

812
Threefold

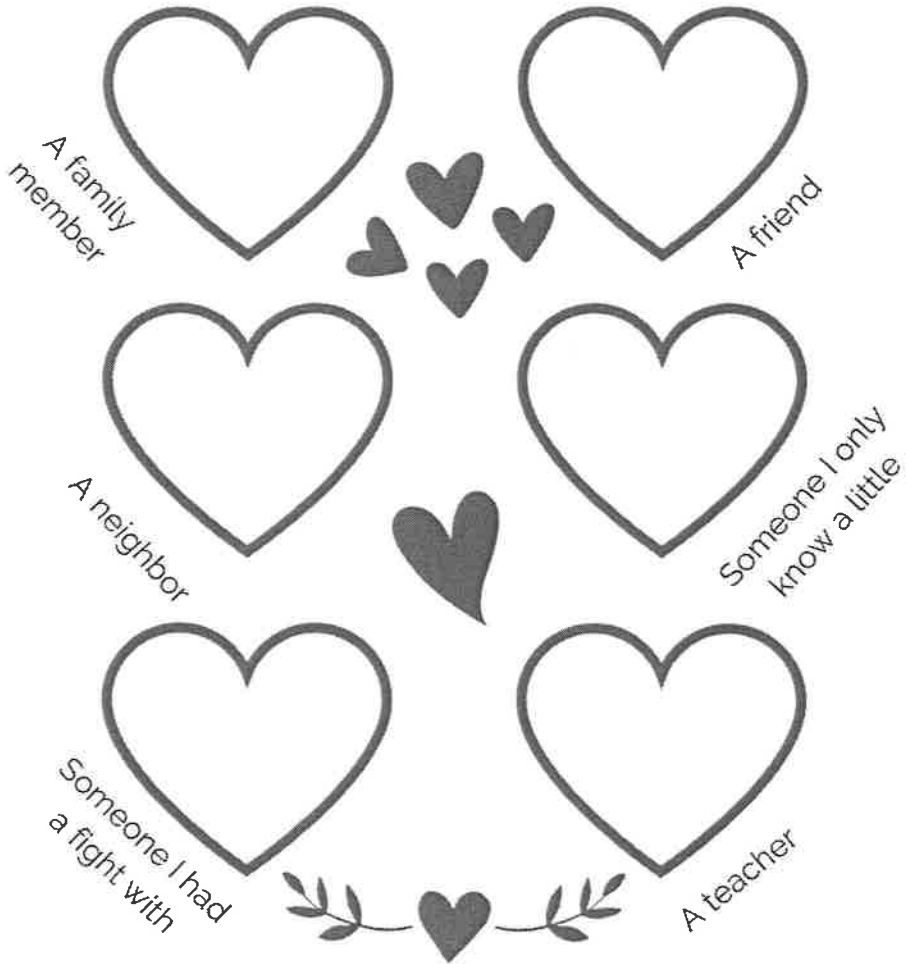
"Danish"

A - men, a - men, a men.

Fun For Disciples Of All Ages

Jesus calls us to LOVE one another
as He has LOVED us.

Color and write the names or draw people
that you will practice loving this weel.



A new commandment I give to you, that you love
one another. Just as I have loved you, you should
also love one another (John 13:34)



All Together!

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the efforts of our conferences and the national ministries of the United Church of Christ to support leaders, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Together, we all grow stronger.

For a small conference like the Central Pacific Conference, it's sometimes hard to offer the kinds of tools and resources to our churches that larger conferences do. We don't have a big endowment or other buckets of money to draw on for hosting workshops. At the same time, we believe strongly in paying fair wages for good work, so we know it would be unfair to expect people who've

spent years honing their skills and expertise to offer their hard-earned wisdom for free. Thank God for the members and churches who give to Strengthen the Church, because they make it possible for the Central Pacific Conference to offer workshops and live our values regarding fair compensation.

Thanks to the money given to Strengthen the Church, the Central Pacific Conference has been able to offer workshops on End-of-Life Pastoral Care, Practicing Gender Justice, Fostering Generosity, and many other topics that help our clergy and lay people minister more-effectively in their communities. Together, we're able to foster stronger connections among the ministers and lay members who attend these workshops. Together, we nurture spiritual growth in our ministers and lay members who engage exciting topics with skilled facilitators who are justly compensated. Together, we Strengthen the Church.

Rev. Tyler Connoley (he/him/his)

Conference Minister

Central Pacific Conference

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**Gifts to the Strengthen the Church Offering
Renew the United Church of Christ.**

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

Revelations 21:1-6

Imagine *Mental Health Sunday*

The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network is a special interest group within the UCC that works to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of people with mental illnesses/brain disorders and their families in the life, leadership, and work of congregations. According to their website: mhn-ucc.org, “We envision a future in which people with mental illnesses feel welcomed, supported, valued and included in their congregations.”

A new curriculum released last autumn describes how a mental health diagnosis intersects and interacts with other parts of persons, bringing both challenge and clarity to the quest for identity.

In a video clip publicizing the curriculum, Rhina Ramos claims her identities as “an immigrant woman, from El Salvador, a lesbian and a Christian.” When asked how those identities interact within herself, as well as what others think of her identities, Ramos reflects, “Well, I can get confused because I am all these identities. But people outside me get confused because they tend to see just pieces of it...but I’m a whole person. I’m a whole person who is very colorful!”

In describing his identity, JJ Flag says, “I am both a black male, and one who lives with a physical disability...I navigate the world using a wheelchair because I was born with cerebral palsy. Being both a black man who has a disability, it’s interesting to see how those two things play out in my life...It was the Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas that said, “if you want to see what God looks like, look into the face of the other.” He continues, “I have sat down and really toyed with the idea, “What would it mean to get to heaven and God be a direct reflection of who I am? People talk about ‘when one day you’ll get to heaven and you’ll be walking around.’ And I’m like, ‘what if I get there and God’s ROLLing around?’”

David Finnegan Hosey reflects, “A lot of my identities are at the intersection of advantages I’m given. White, male, cisgender, straight - and a lot of those forms of identities that tend to carry a lot of power within our society are really quite fragile. I mean, you get kicked out of the boy’s club really quick when you break down crying every five minutes because you’re having a bi-polar episode.”

Listen to these stories, and many more, and explore the intersections of your identities at mhn-ucc.org.

