

08/07/2022

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### ONLINE

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM  
Live at [tinyurl.com/trinf](http://tinyurl.com/trinf)  
Recordings will be on our website.



**See our website for more info!**

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## CHURCH EVENTS

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN –  
SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP  
(weather permitting)**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
*August 28, 2022 after Worship*

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne E. Schwarz-Green  
Organist: Dr. Risá Okina, Summer Pianist Mike Ruhl  
Cherub, Junior & Chancel Choirs: Carolyn Santoro  
Chime, Youth Bell & Adult Bell Choirs: Cindy Golden

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The paraments are green for the Festival of the Trinity.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### THANK YOU

Altar Flowers: Pastor Suzanne & Peg In  
Celebration of Our Wedding Anniversary  
Usher/s: : Bev Altemose  
Greeter/s:  
Reader: Nick Vlasisavljevic

## Prayer Box

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

**Special Requests:** Ava Morgan, Ann U.'s great granddaughter, • Audrey S. and son Michael S. • 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.) • Joe (partner of Nick V.), • Pastor Suzanne. • Ruth F

**Ongoing Requests:** Connie C. (mother of Missy W.) • Bob C. (Father of Missy W.) • Jackie H. (daughter of Angela S.) • 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. • The Sherman family; • Brayden F (age 12, lymphoma)

# Order of Worship

August 7, 2022 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

IMPROVISATION

MIKE RUHL

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls us here today.

P: We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.

L: God calls YOU here today.

P: We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.

L: God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

P: We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us.

All: God of the Past, Present, and Future, Many times, we are in the moment when we feel the nudging of your spirit to act. As we spend time in your house today, may our souls be aligned with you, so that we may readily respond when you call! Amen.

\*INVITATION TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Remember that our God loves us; therefore, let us turn back to God by confessing our wrongdoings.

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

All: God of Redemption, You call us to wash ourselves clean, so that our transgressions fall away. May we cease doing evil, learn to do good, and seek justice. You call us to rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow. May we not forget these responsibilities you've set before us. We are grateful for the reminder from the prophet Isaiah that, though our sins are like scarlet, you'll make us like snow! Even though they are red like crimson, you make them like wool! May we be obedient and willing followers, pleasing unto you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Though our sins are like scarlet, do not be afraid, for God has washed us clean. The Lord takes pleasure in opening God's realm to us. Rejoice, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

\*HYMN

NCH 379

COME, WE WHO LOVE GOD'S NAME

vs. 1, 4, 5

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

All: God of light and love, you take delight in your creation. Ignite our spirits to worship you with sincerity. Illumine our minds with the truth of your word. Inspire our hearts to seek your treasure alone, that our hearts may be pure and our actions may be noble and just, as we share your love. Through Jesus Christ, our hope and promise, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

SERMON

"BY FAITH"

HYMN

NCH 299

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

vs. 1, 2, 5

## 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

P: As we wait for the coming of God's good reign, we answer the invitation to take part in God's work, bringing our tithes and offerings with joyful gratitude.

(You may give online by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone or by placing your offering in the offering plate.)



## OFFERTORY "THE GREAT STORM IS OVER" (FRANKE) SOLO BY JIM GAINOR, ACCOMPANIED BY CAROLYN SANTORO

Congregation Chorus: Alleluia, the great storm is over. Lift up your wings and fly. (REPEAT)

\*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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

LORD'S PRAYER

LEAD SINGER: JIM GAINOR

THE CONGREGATION WILL SING AS DIRECTED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN

NCH 376

GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PEOPLE

Vs. 1-4

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

P: The service has ended. Your service has begun. Go in peace. Go in joy.  
Go to love and serve God.

C: Thanks be to God

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NCH #812 "THREEFOLD AMEN"

POSTLUDE IMPROVISATION MIKE RUHL

*\*Congregation may stand.*

*Join us for "Lemonade On The Lawn" after worship!*

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"THE GREAT STORM IS OVER" Find Under: Great Storm Is Over, The Alternate Title: Alleluia, The Great Storm is Over

## Announcements

Important reminder for the Collegeville Car Show on August 14<sup>th</sup>:

All cars will be required to enter and exit via 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue that morning. This is different from previous years, because Main Street will be closed entirely to through traffic. Please plan to arrive at church just a little bit earlier than usual and enter TRINITY LANE from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and drive past the dorms toward the cemetery parking lot. Someone will guide you then on where to park. And, as always, come for worship and stay for the car show! If you want to volunteer as parking attendant or to sell hot dogs and water to people, please contact the office.



August 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Collegeville Car Show - (10:00am -2:00pm)  
Hot Dogs and water in front of Trinity Church – FOR SALE – in support of Trinity Reformed Church OF Christ – Please Join Us!  
It will be fun! Thank you Ed Snowden for organizing!

Ps. 48:1-2; Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4:2-11

Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

1 Come, we who love God's name, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 God's grace on earth is found, the seeds of glo - ry, sown;  
 4 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
 5 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;

To - get - er God's great love pro - claim, and thus sur - round the throne.  
 But we our thanks and praise will bring for ' love so deep and broad.  
 Ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope have grown.  
 Be - fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 We're trav - eling through Em - man - uel's ground, to great - er worlds on high.

*A story concerning this hymn holds that the pastor of a New England church once asked the choir to lead the singing of the second stanza on a Sunday when it threatened to "refuse to sing" because of a disagreement in the congregation. Needless to say, the choir acquiesced.*

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.  
 Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770  
 Alternate setting: MARCHING TO ZION

## 380

Rev. 7

## O Saints in Splendor Sing

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991

- 1 O saints in splen - dor sing  
 the praise of God Most High.  
 Through trib - u - la - tion you have come,  
 through blood been sanc - ti - fied.
- 2 Robed in bap - tis - mal grace  
 a - mid the world's de - spair,  
 Pro - claim the glo - ry of our God  
 whose love has con - quered fear.
- 3 Those saints who went be - fore  
 pre - pared for us the way;  
 The church ex - pec - tant, yet to come,  
 re - lies on us to - day.
- 4 O wor - thy is the Lamb!  
 the Lamb that once was slain!  
 Of hon - or, bless - ing, thanks, and praise,  
 lift up the glad re - frain!

*Sylvia Dunstan wrote this hymn based on the Revelation 7 text to accompany a sermon preached for a small struggling congregation. It was intended to encourage them to identify with the saints and to persevere as a community of faith.*

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M. (see above)

## Conflict and Victory

ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF, 1888

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LANCASHIRE  
HENRY SMART, 1836*With spirit*

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, We fol - low, not with fears;



Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home.  
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet A - men of peace;  
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,  
 For not with swords, loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;



And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.  
 But deeds of love and mer - cy The heaven - ly king - dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might! A-MEN.





# 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 hymn. The second system contains the final two lines. The music is marked 'pp Devoutly' and features a crescendo leading into the final line.

## OFFERTORY - #506 BLUE HYMNAL

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

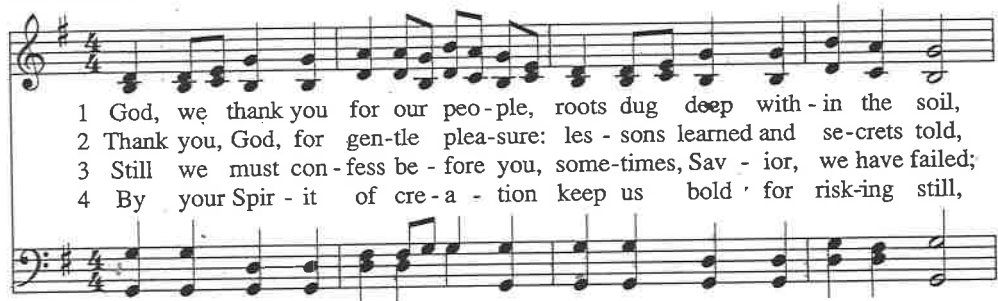
All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-MEN.

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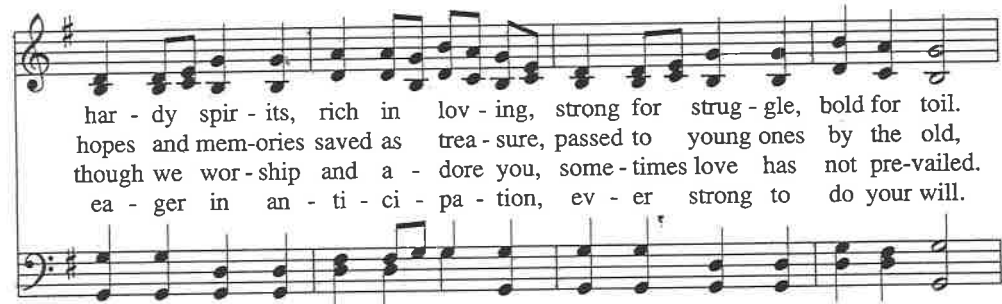
# God, We Thank You for Our People

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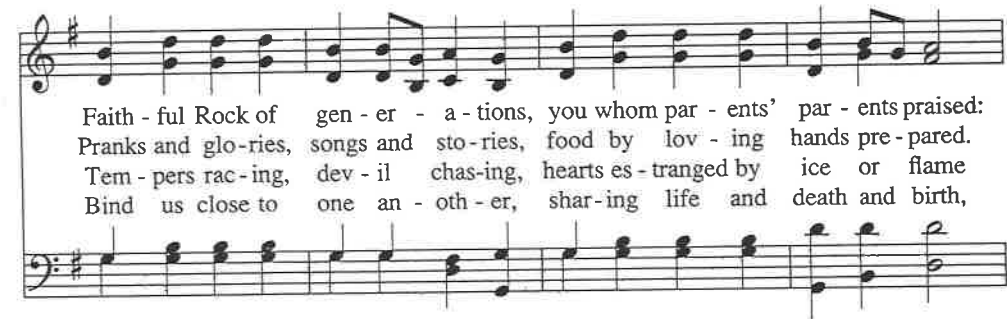
Ruth Duck, 1986



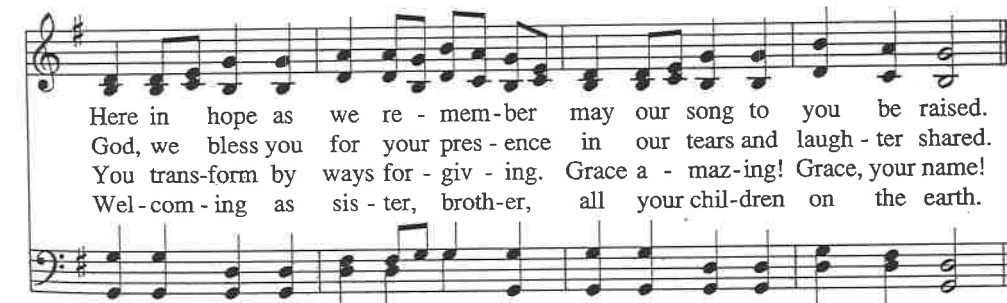
1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,  
2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,  
3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;  
4 By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold ' for risk-ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.  
hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,  
though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some-times love has not pre-vailed.  
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:  
Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.  
Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame  
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.  
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.  
You trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!  
Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

Ruth Duck created this text at the request of Harold (Hal) McSwain, Jr., for a family reunion. She found her inspiration in the stories of Harold, Sr., and in her own family heritage. The hymn speaks to any community that has shared life together for a long time.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.  
William Moore, 1825

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Threefold

*"Danish"*



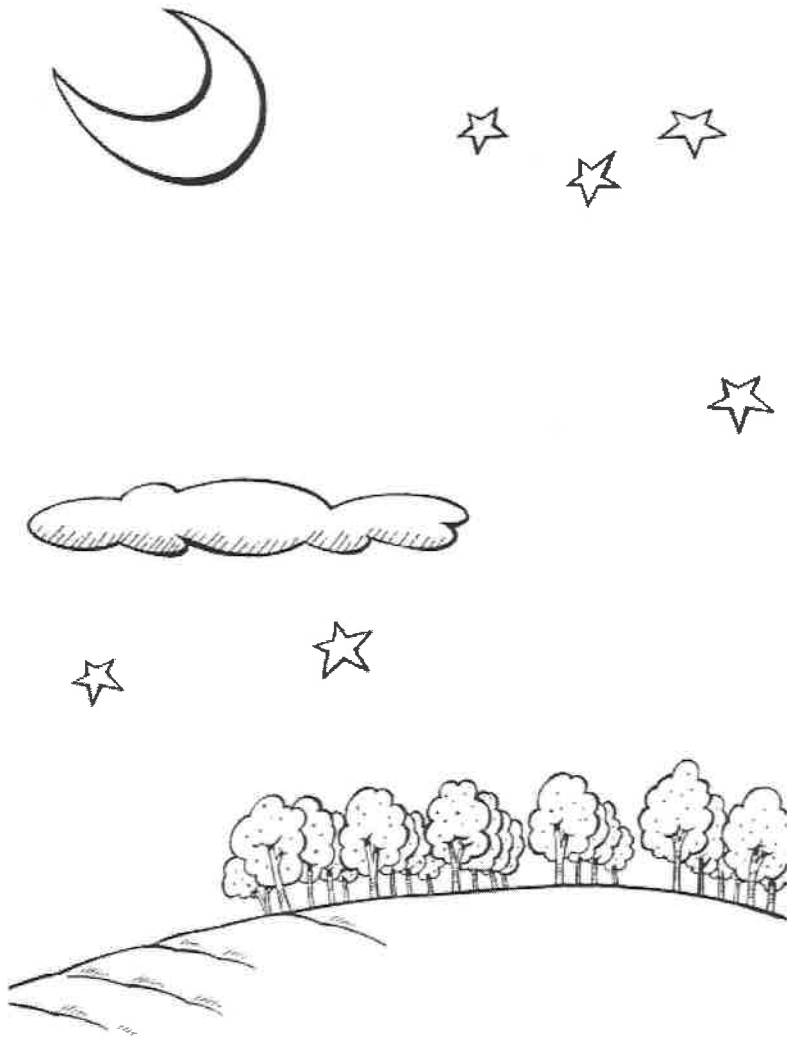
A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of two flats. The melody in the treble staff is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter). The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the 'a' in each phrase. The final note of the treble staff is a whole note chord of C4 and G2.

## Fun For Disciples Of All Ages

Scripture tells us that Abram looked up at the stars and saw God at work.

**Draw a star for each member of your family in the sky below. Don't forget all of your cousins, aunts, uncles, and even pets!**



## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

### Restore Us

In today's psalm, God's people are envisioned as a vine, planted and carefully tended by God. How might we participate with God in being planters and tenders of the church and its leaders?

Last winter, UCC President John Dorhauer and Pension Board President and CEO Brian Bodager encouraged church members to be vine tenders, as they described one of the crises facing church leadership.

"Seminary and educational debt, the debilitating nature of limited income and the uncertainty of a secure financial future represent a deepening crisis for many pastors in the United Church of Christ," they wrote in a joint letter. The Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative (MFVI) is a program to help ministers address this problem with practical tools. Participants in the program receive financial gifts of \$9000 for debt reduction, \$1000 to seed a retirement account and the support of a cohort of fellow pastors and financial experts.

The Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative strengthens ministry in the UCC by:

- increasing and enhancing financial literacy among UCC authorized ministers, with a particular emphasis on ministers from historically underrepresented groups within the denomination;
- assisting UCC ministers and their Ministry settings, Associations, Conferences, and the National Setting of the Church in "breaking the conspiracy of silence" that exists around pastoral finances;
- providing financial assistance to UCC authorized ministers toward repayment of educational and personal debt as well as seeding of pension funds;
- engaging key lay leaders in UCC churches in collaborative efforts to identify and address the connection between pastoral financial challenges and ministry setting financial challenges; and;
- launching a major fundraising campaign to solicit major gifts that will enable the long-term sustainability, and continued expansion of the program

You can be a vine-tender along with God, planting and nurturing growth. One way is to support the MFVI with your gift at [pbucc.org](http://pbucc.org).



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