



**First in
Caring**

09/19/2021

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. 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, repeat visitor, church shopper, 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 extend a special welcome to you if you have been hurt by Church and hope you will find nothing but love here. We welcome you with all your questions and doubts, beliefs, disbeliefs, and unbelief. We welcome you if you are baptized, aren't baptized, don't really know, or don't even know what that means. 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
Bible Study and Sunday School TBD

ONLINE

Sunday Worship // 9:30 AM
at tinyurl.com/trinf & tinyurl.com/TrinYT
& on our website.



See our website for more info!

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CHURCH EVENTS

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

3rd SUNDAY of the Month (TODAY)

Join us for a time of fellowship outside after worship. Any changes in schedule or location will be announced in worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting in-person in Freeland Room and online via zoom, Meeting ID 6104894223 and password Trinity

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

The liturgical color of the season after Pentecost (Ordinary Time) is GREEN. The church paraments are made of scraps left over from members of Trinity sewing free face masks for the wider community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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: Mark and Cindy Golden & Family
- In Honor and Memory of our Parents: Carl and Elaine Golden & Harold and Dorothy Lesh

Ushers: Paul McKelvey
Greeters: Bev Altemose
Reader: Mark Golden

Prayer Box

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

Special Requests: Dora M. • Angela S. • Pat M. • Connie D.) • Susan B., Alex P., (friends of Betsy W.) • Lynne M. (pastor's Friend) • Bill D. & family (Brother of Lynne P) • Jackie (Angela S.'s daughter) • Sherry W. (her mother Melva passed away on August 13th)

Ongoing Prayer Needs: Dora M. • Angela S. • Pat M. • Lois G. • Peggy B. (friend of Karolyn M.) • Hubie B. • Glenn D. • Leslie H. • Joan R. • Flo S. • Josephine R. • Paul S. (Cousin of Bev) • Ron H. (friend of Earl & Cheryl H.), receiving chemo



Order of Worship

September 19, 2021: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

MIKE RUHL

WORDS OF WELCOME

BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION & OPENING SENTENCE

Leader: The Wisdom from above calls to us – calling us to peace and gentleness, kindness and mercy, goodness and service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON PSALM 1, SELECTED VERSES

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

All: or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers.

L: But their delight is in the law of the Lord and on it they meditate day and night

All: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. Let it be so with us! Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sin to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

(Moment of silent contemplation, confession, and prayer)

All: God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stoke up conflict. Give us grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our teacher, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but the people who love the Lord are to be praised. Hear the good news! IN Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we can live in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN NCH 531 "GOD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK" (SUNG BY MEMBER/S OF THE TRINITY CHOIR)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(All disciples remain in the pews)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: Your Wisdom, O Lord, is our wisdom; it gives us strength and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen. **Amen.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Hebrew Scripture:

Proverbs 31:10-31

Epistle:

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

SERMON A GOOD COMMUNITY

HYMN NCH 275 "COME NOW, ALMIGHTY KING" (SUNG BY MEMBER/S OF THE TRINITY CHOIR)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

L: From the riches of God's grace, let us give our gifts of gratitude to bless those in need.

YOU MAY GIVE ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE, OR PLACE OFFERINGS IN THE OFFERING PLATE AT THE SANCTUARY ENTRANCE AS YOU LEAVE.



PRAYER OF DEDICATIONAL AND THANKSGIVING

L: Our great Gardener, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our firstfruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (SUNG BY MEMBER/S OF THE TRINITY CHOIR)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May the God, who watches over all the righteous, give you a heart to heal relationships and to live in peace. Go in peace to love and service God!

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MIKE RUHL

**Congregation may stand.*

PLANNING AHEAD:

Neighbors in Need



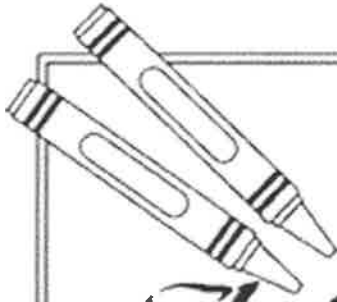
In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used

by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. Envelopes have been ordered for the special offering – we hope to have them to you by then, if not , please make checks payable to “Neighbors in Need” and submit with your regular offering.

Trinity will collect the offering on October 3, 2021 as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time at <https://tinyurl.com/UCC-nin>

Hurricane IDA - Flood Victims in Need

St. James’ Outreach House is currently in need of cleaning supplies for Ida Flooding victims, and they are always running out of sugar and cooking oil. You can drop them off at Trinity or directly at the outreach house! At St. James, there is a drop off space that is open around the clock at the left side of the Outreach House and items dropped off at Trinity can be placed by the blue door downstairs from the Pastor Parking spot. **Thank you for all of your help!**



NOT
Just for

KIDS

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021

Mark 9:30-37

First in Caring *Just Peace Sunday*

It has been said that in Africa, a traditional greeting and response is, “How are the children?” and “The children are well.”

“How are the children?” is not a way to inquire about the particular youth in one’s own household, but instead is an invitation to consider what is most important in the whole society, and whether that is being attended to. “The children are well” refers not just to the health of a few of the children who are known to the conversation partners, but the peace and prosperity of all of society. This question, and its response, is a way of assuring that the most important priorities of the community are placed first.

A movie available from the United Church of Christ Palestine Israel Network (UCC PIN) called *How Are the Children?* tells the stories of Palestinian children, some as young as five years old, detained by Israeli forces in the West Bank of Israel. On their website, <https://hatcnw.org/>, UCC PIN responds to some questions that arise from that first and most important question, “How are the children?”

“Since 1967, the United Church of Christ has spoken through General Synod resolutions regarding issues of peace and justice in the Middle East. Long before that, mission personnel of our predecessor denominations worked successfully to create partnerships of mutuality and ministry throughout the region. Here we provide information on various aspects of UCC witness related to the experience of children in Palestine and Israel. These links provide information regarding the 2017 UCC resolution of witness concerning Palestinian children in Israeli military detention.”*

*From the website page <https://hatcnw.org/ucc-resolutions-and-faqs/>

You can also find links to the movie “*How Are the Children?*” and guides for utilizing this powerful resource with your congregation, on the website <https://hatcnw.org/>.

Today is Just Peace Sunday. For 30 years, the Just Peace Church pronouncement has inspired a grassroots movement of UCC congregations committed to corporately naming and boldly proclaiming a public identity as a justice-doing, peace-seeking church. For more information about Just Peace, visit ucc.org.



8 1/2" x 14" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

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