

Pick Up the Mantle

06/26/2022

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

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING *June 26, 2021 after Worship*

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 paraments are green for the Festival of the Trinity.

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: Jen & John Knighton, in loving memory of Janet Driscoll
Usher/s: : Head Usher needed for the month!
Greeter/s:
Reader: Mark Golden

Prayer Box

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

Special Requests: Audrey S. and son Michael S. • Cheryl W. (recovering from knee surgery) • 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.), Nick V., Peg S-G (recovering from Covid)

Ongoing Requests: Connie C. (mother of Missy W.) • Bob C. (Father 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.

Please let the office know if prayers have been answered or if new prayers need added to the list!

Order of Worship

June 26, 2022 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Warum sollt ich mich denn grämen”

J.G. Walther

WORDS OF WELCOME, BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION, AND CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Spirit is here, inviting us to worship.

C: The Spirit is here, in each of our lives.

P: The Spirit is here, in our gathered community.

C: The Spirit is here, guiding us together in love, peace, and patience.

P: And so, let us pray together:

All: Speak to us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, as we worship this day. Bind us together into a community of love and peace. Live and move in our lives, that we may grow in your Spirit, deepen our faithfulness, and display the love, peace, patience, kindness, and generosity you have planted in our souls. Amen.

*INVITATION TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P. Christ Jesus did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him. How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness. In faith, let us confess our sins.

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

All: Restoring God, too often we accept the conditions of the world around us and impose limitations on what is possible. We bind ourselves to societal conventions, norms, and pressure rather than follow you and your way. We conform to the values of this world rather than pursue the fruit of the Spirit. Show us the path of life and freedom in you. Teach us to plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we perennially bear that fruit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: If we live by the Spirit, we will be guided by the Spirit. Guided by the Spirit, we are children of the Spirit, healed by God’s love, and blessed by Christ’s grace and forgiveness!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN

NCH 172

JESUS CALLS US O’ER THE TUMULT

vs. 1 & 3-5

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

All: O God, by your Spirit plant your word within us that we may follow your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, and never leave him. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: 2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14
EPISTLE: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-35
GOSPEL: LUKE 9:51-62

SERMON

*HYMN NCH 204 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS vs. 1, 2, 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 They peace. A-men.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P: Jesus invites us to follow him in all ways, including the use and sharing of our resources. An accounting of our time, talent, and treasure that reflects our active citizenship in God's realm and brings glory to the Holy One. These seeds bear fruit.

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



OFFERTORY

VOCALISE IN C BY JOANNES ROCHUT

GUEST MUSICIAN: JEREMY ONG

*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: Bear fruit with these gifts we now bring, Holy One. May they bring a double share of your presence to the world and to all who are touched by them. May bonds of scarcity be broken as we meet the needs around us with the gifts that you have first given to us. May we be gladdened by giving and rejoice in generosity. Amen.

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

Mat. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



- 1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
- 2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
- 3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,
- 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
- 5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer - cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.



Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1887
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Mark 8:34

Charles W. Everest, 1883; alt.

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with
 spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength will bear your
 fool - ish pride be still; For Christ did not re -
 death to lay it down, For on - ly those who

will - ing heart and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 spir - it up and brace your heart, sup - port your arm.
 fuse to die up - on a cross on Cal - vary's hill.
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Charles Everest, after graduating from Trinity College, Hartford, was rector of a parish in Hamden, Connecticut, for thirty-one years. This sermon in verse is from his collection of hymns titled *Visions of Death and Other Poems*.

Tune: † DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.
 Grenoble Antiphoner, 1753

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

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I've Got Peace Like a River

Isa. 66:12; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-12

African-American spiritual

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.
 soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.

Congregations or individuals may wish to add additional verses of their own making.

Most of the spirituals that drew from biblical stories and images used the Hebrew scriptures, rather than the New Testament, as their inspiration. The imagery of "peace like a river" derives from the book of Isaiah.

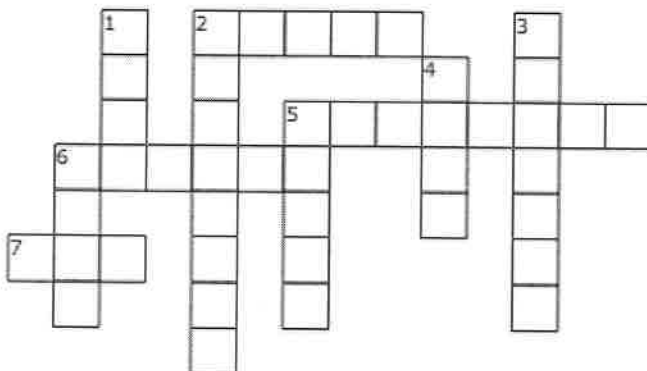
Tune: PEACE LIKE A RIVER 7.7.10.D.
 African-American spiritual

Fun For Disciples Of All Ages

The Fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Galatians 5:22-23



ACROSS

2. The usually sweet part of a plant or tree which is good to eat
5. Calmly waiting for something to happen
6. To be kind and tender toward others
7. A feeling of happiness.

DOWN

1. A strong feeling of caring for another person
2. To be loyal and true
3. Being in charge of your feelings actions (self-_____)
4. Treating others with respect
5. Not angry or fighting with another
6. Showing kindness toward others.

GOOD	FRUIT	JOY	CONTROL	FAITHFUL
PATIENCE	KIND	LOVE	PEACE	GENTLE

Pick Up the Mantle *Open and Affirming Sunday*

An elder and a younger man go on a journey. Finally, the elder says to the youngster, “You have come far enough. The rest of the journey, I will make myself.” The younger person persists, saying that he will continue to accompany the elder even if it is difficult. At last, the youngster has the honor of walking with the elder all the way to the end of his days. In so doing, the youngster receives a mantle that he can carry to the next generation.

On this Open and Affirming Sunday, we read the story of the elder prophet Elijah and his student Elisha. As we hear the story of this passing of the mantle, we pause to honor members of the LGBTQ community 65 years and older. If we are in that group of elders, how might we pass the mantle to the younger generation? And, if we are in a younger generation, how might we accompany our elders on the great journey that for all of us ends in being received into the arms of the Holy One?

There are at least two million lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people 65 and older in the U.S., and this population will double by the year 2030. Many LGBTQ seniors are isolated and lonely. Often subject to mistreatment in retirement communities and nursing homes, they need the resources churches can provide. The majority of these seniors have been alienated from organized religion for most of their lives: an Open and Affirming congregation can be a lifeline to community, understanding and respect.

An effective ministry for LGBTQ seniors is an opportunity for partnership with your LGBTQ community center and other welcoming churches and synagogues. If your church is the only LGBTQ-welcoming congregation in your community, and there is no LGBTQ community center, there are still likely to be LGBTQ seniors—most of them closeted—who can be reached if you publicly affirm your welcome.*

You can find resources and more ideas at openandaffirming.org

*“Seniors.” UCC Open and Affirming Coalition, 27 Dec. 2020,
<https://openandaffirming.org/resources/seniors/>.

