



Surprising Investment

09/25/2022

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

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 & CONVERSATION

October 16, 2022 after worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9/26, 10/10, 10/17 at 8:30 AM

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 26 at 7PM

Freeland Room

(Red Cross is upstairs)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne E. Schwarz-Green

Pianist: Mike Ruhl

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: Matt Cowher – in memory of Dr. Harold Wegman and Gail Kelly-Cowher

Usher/s: : Jim Gainor (Head Usher for October)

Greeter/s: volunteers needed!

Reader: Judy Fryer

Prayer Box

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

Special Requests: Cousin Ray and Charlene (cousin of Beth Z) • Lisa K. – (for a family member placed in hospice) • Jennie (daughter of Lisa) • Ava Morgan (Ann U.'s great granddaughter) • Audrey 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.) • Shannon C. & Family • George D. • Bill D. & family (Brother of Lynne P) • Jer (friend of Heather W.) • Joe (partner of Nick V.) Nick V.

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. • Deb S. • The Sherman family • Brayden F (age 12, lymphoma) • Pastor Suzanne • Ruth F.

Sympathies: The Mann family (death of Marty's brother-in-law), the Conard family (death of Dave's father), the Tarpley family (death of Pastor's uncle)

Order of Worship

September 25, 2022 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Mike Ruhl

WORDS OF WELCOME & BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord. I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.

All: With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God and let us pray:

Eternal God, be with us now, help us to measure our time, in faithful generosity, that your will be done, your kingdom come, for life everlasting, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the great chasm between us.

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

All: Dressed in fine linen, we feast sumptuously every day, while others long to satisfy their hunger. We have Moses and the prophets, yet we remain unconvinced, waiting for some human warning. Forgive us. In your mercy, convince and comfort us, and lead us to righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Through Christ we are carried away by the angels, comforted by Father Abraham, our hunger—satisfied, our agony—cooled, and our sins—forgiven. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN

NCH 438

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

vs. 1-4

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

All: God of the Prophets, by the power of the Holy Spirit speak your Word to us, and seal it within us, that we may heed your call. Amen.

**Congregation may stand.*

SCRIPTURE READING	Hebrew Scripture	Jeremiah 43:21-3a, 6-15
	Epistle	1 Timothy 6:6-19
	Gospel	Luke 16:19-31

SERMON EARTHENWARE JARS: HOPE FOR THE FUTURE PASTOR SUZANNE

*HYMN SEE INSERT GO DOWN, MOSES ALL VERSES

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

CONGREGATIONAL 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: We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of the world. Let us give both the gifts we have been given and our truest selves with glad and generous hearts.

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



OFFERTORY CHANCEL CHOIR "STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER" NCH 519

*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: God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of, and show us, the life that really is. 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.

*HYMN SEE INSERT LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING ALL VERSES

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: This 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

Announcements

October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

October 16th Trinity will host the CROP Hunger Walk. Please consider joining us in fighting hunger **ONE STEP AT A TIME**. You do not need to physically walk to participate!



October 15, 2022 Pumpkin delivery – Please go to the link below to help us unload and to volunteer for a shift or two or more during the 2 weeks of the Pumpkin Patch!

Everybody's help is needed! Sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/JY9RE> or sign up in the vestibule! Please notify the office immediately if you can not fill a shift that you signed up for.

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When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought—my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.

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Go Down, Moses

1. When Is - rael was in E-gypt's land; Let my peo-ple go,
 2. Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo-ses said; Let my peo-ple go,
 3. No more shall they in bond-age toil; Let my peo-ple go,

Op-pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
 If not, I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my peo-ple go.
 Let them come out with E-gypt's spoil, Let my peo-ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, 'Way down in E-gypt's land.
 Go down, go down, Mo-ses,
 Go down, go down, Mo - ses,

Tell old Phar - aoh, Let my peo-ple go!

Text: Negro Spiritual
 Tune: GO DOWN MOSES, 8 5 8 5 with refrain, Negro Spiritual

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

The TALENTED

2008

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 - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, 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!

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis (Exod. 13:21; Ps. 148; 150:6)

MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody

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THE ASH GROVE

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Not My Brother, nor My Sister

(Standing in the Need of Prayer)

African-American spiritual; alt.

Leader

1 Not my broth-er, nor my sis-ter, but it's me, O God,
 2 Not the preach-er, nor the dea-con, but it's me, O God,
 3 Not my fa-ther, nor my moth-er, but it's me, O God,
 4 Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's me, O God,

All *Leader*

stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth-er, nor my sis-ter, but it's
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach-er, nor the dea-con, but it's
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not my fa-ther, nor my moth-er, but it's
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's

All *Refrain*

me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer. It's
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer;
 it's me,

It's me, it's me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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Frank von Christerson, 1974; rev. 1979

Rom. 8:26-27

Unison

1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to
 2 Come, in me the prayer I need this day, help me to see your
 3 Come with vision and the strength I need to serve my God, and

ask of what to say, for I know my need, as deep as
 my need and you will where I have failed, I have done
 all by man's feeble effort, but the fulfillment of my need is in you, out-

live, and you can touch me here, pray.
 power, let me be still.
 power, my life in you, O Christ your love, me.

Handwritten: by a blacked
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 reason

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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.

"Danish"

812
Threefold

A - men, a - men, 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 music with lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of music with lyrics. The music is marked 'pp Devoutly'.

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 two lines of music with lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of music with lyrics.

Fun For Disciples Of All Ages

Jumble Puzzle

Unscramble each word from today's Gospel story, Luke 16:19-31. Then place the numbered letters in the boxes at the bottom for a special message from the lesson.

PERLPU

NILNE

ROOP

DEETFSA

ASNEGL

NARMEN

CAMHS

COSSR

HFRETA

NEPRTE

DAEHS

SITGHN

DLCIH

LIEV

UESHO

SBTERROH

DEID

RWTAE

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8

Y

9 10

11 12

Matching Game. Here are some words from today's Gospel story. Each word in the first column can be matched with one in the second column. The first word is already done for you.

LITTLE

PLENTY

LOSE

COST

BEGGAR

SPILL

MISPLACE

PRICE

DUMP

MUCH

PEASANT

SMALL

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Surprising Investment American Indian Ministry Sunday United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday

Matou te faatalofa atu ai i le Suafa Pele o Iesu Keriso le Alii ma le Faaola!

We greet you in the Beloved name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

“In 1999 General Synod declared a “Partnership in Mission and Ministry” with the Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa (CCCAS) as a way of acknowledging the deepening relationship between the two churches and the rapid growth of Samoan congregations in the United States.

Today, there are more than 60 congregations of the CCCAS in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Washington and Oregon. Many of them related to the UCC through our regional Conferences and local Associations. The partnership seeks to strengthen the ministry of these congregations and the mission of both churches.

In many places, Samoan congregations are actively involved in the life and leadership of UCC Associations. Many UCC clergy and lay leaders have immersed themselves in the life of Samoan communities and have traveled to American Samoa to learn more about its unique and ancient culture.” *1

“The United Samoan Ministries of the UCC is established to provide a setting for members of Samoan congregations to gather for fellowship, spiritual nurturing, mutual support, and communications and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. Providing Resources for all faith communities and promote/teaching and maintaining Samoan Culture and Language; promote Ecumenical partnerships, and proclaiming the proclamation of Open and Affirming, and leading in Justice and Peace for ALL.

Samoan Communities residing within the Mainland, Alaska and Hawaii and those who are in Diaspora throughout the world.” *2

If you are a member of a Samoan congregation, today is a day to celebrate your connection with the wider United Church of Christ. If you are a member of a church that has limited contact with your Samoan brothers and sisters, today is a good day to learn more about how you can be in intentional conversation and relationship with a Samoan Congregation.

*1 - https://www.ucc.org/ecumenical_america-samoa/

*2 - <https://unitedsamoanminist.wixsite.com/>



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