

Trinity United Church of Christ Worship Bulletin

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We worship God and seek to share His Word with everyone through faith in Jesus Christ

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Pentecost

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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity!

Gathering and Preparing to Worship

Thoughts Before Worship

From <https://sacredise.com/pentecost-a/>

Sometimes it feels like the celebration of Pentecost has become an exercise in missing the point.

If only we could recapture some of the Church-birthing impact of this significant day, both the Church and the world around it would, like the Pentecost spectators, be amazed by what God is doing among us.

May the Spirit of Pentecost disturb, challenge and empower us as we worship.

Checking in on social media

You are invited to take the time to check in on social media and let people know where you are.

First, it helps get the word out on Trinity United Church of Christ in Westville

Second, it can give you a good alibi, just in case you need one.

Sounding of the Bells

Throughout the centuries, bells have rung to call people to worship or bring them news.

We use the chiming of the bell to joyously call us to worship, and prepare ourselves.

Welcoming

One: Welcome to worship today at Trinity United Church of Christ in Westville Illinois. If you are worshipping with us on line, you can download a bulletin from our church's website www.trinityuccwestville.org. They are located in the events section under today's date, Let us now pause for prayer to calm ourselves down and prepare our hearts to worship our living and loving God.

Opening with Prayer

By Nancy Townley

One: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. Amen.

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Bueno Dias

Many: Good morning

One: Whether we say Ohayou gozai masu!

Many: Or Bonjour!

One: Or Labas rytas or Ohayo, or even Habari ya asubuhi

Many: No matter what language we speak, it all means good morning!

One: ¡Si, este es el día que hizo el Señor! ¡Me regocijaré y me alegraré en ello!

Many: Yes, this is the day that Lord has made! I will rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn of Gathering This is the Day**

1 This is the day, this is the day
That our God has made, that our God has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day that our Gode has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That our God has made

2 This is the day, this is the day
Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day Jesus rose again
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day,
Jesus rose again

3 This is the day, this is the day
When the Spirit came, when the Spirit came
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day when the Spirit came,
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
When the Spirit came

Call to Confession

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: When our lives remain hidden, when are hearts are shuttered, when our souls are fill with fear because of all we have done and said, God comes, breathing new life, blowing away our failings, restoring us to new hope. Please join me, as we pray together our prayer of confession,

Prayer of Confession and Letting Go

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Let us pray...

All: We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy.

Please take a few moments of silence for personal reflection.
And release back to God, those things you need to be forgiven for in your life.

All: Forgive us and pour your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe your peace upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Breathe your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves to the lonely. Breath your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness and Assurance

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Don't be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing, comfort, and hope. You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways.

Many: Let us rejoice and remember that God's Holy Spirit is with us always.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Sharing of Christ's Peace

By Sara Dunning Lambert

One: The touch of the Holy Spirit comes to us in the healing breath of hope. See the bright embers of faith beckon each of us to unity in God. Greet one another in the assurance that the peace of Christ is ever present. May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Please type in, post and share the peace of Christ with those gathered.
Please make sure your comments are appropriate. You can use words such as
"The peace of Christ be with you,"

Listening for God's Still Speaking Voice

Prayer for Illumination

One: Let us pray...

Many: Holy One, open us to your word. Open our eyes to the incendiary faith of your disciples.
Open our minds to the gift of becoming first fruits of the harvest.
Open our ears to hear your rushing, mighty Spirit brining change in our lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading for Today

Acts 2: 1-21

NIV

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women, will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

A Refection on the Word by Rev. David Robberts-Mosser

***Hymn of Response There Are Many Ways of Sharing By Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**
Sung to the tune "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

Offering of Our Gifts and Our Lives

As God has so richly blessed us, in our gratitude let us return a portion of these blessings back to God,
If you are able, please consider giving to the work and ministry
You may drop your offering for today in the basket out in the Narthex.
Your gifts are used in service to others through the ministries and mission of Trinity United Church of Christ. We graciously thank all who are able to support Trinity UCC during this time.
To mail your offering or pledge, please send it to

Trinity United Church of Christ, 311 E. Moses Ave. Westville, IL. 61883

Our Morning offering will now be received

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Blessing What We Can Give Back to God

One: Let us pray...

Many: Precious Lord, we hunger for the light and strength that only the Spirit can bring.
Feed us and strengthen us, as we learn to feed others.
Fill us with the breath of your spirit as you search our hearts.
Take our lives as proof of our faithfulness.
Take our gifts as proof of our love.
Use them to your purpose here on earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please drop off any prayer requests in the basket located in the narthex.
Please only first names, and keep your prayers appropriate to our worship.
If you are worshipping via Facebook Livestream
Please type in and post in the comments section and share any prayer requests.
We will try and get to every prayer posted during worship.
If we don't get to your request, we will lift up your requests after worship.

After Pastor David reads the petition he will say "Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer..."

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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

*Our Hymn of Departure In the Midst of New Dimensions

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

(Refrain)

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,
now and ever more.

2, Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

(Refrain)

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams.

(Refrain)

4, We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

(Refrain)

5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.

(Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

One: The shutters of our hearts have been flung open by the fresh breath of God!
Many: We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us.

One: Our souls have been set on fire by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

Many: We will go to share visions of hope, to listen to the dreams of the oppressed.

One: Our loneliness and fears have been set aside by the Spirit of inclusion creating community.

Many: We will speak words of peace to all we meet, we will open ourselves to the gifts of others.

One: As you depart, continue to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and all your strength; and now more than ever, love your neighbor as yourself.

Many: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

One: And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forever. And may laughter and joy go with you every step of your journey.

Many: Amen.

Sing “A-men”

***Thank you for worshipping with us today! Remember, no matter who you are,
or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
We really mean that!***