

Trinity United Church of Christ Worship Bulletin

Letting God's light shine since 1901

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

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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

**Denotes to please stand in body or in spirit*

Thoughts Before Worship

By Nancy C. Townley

Our lives can get so noisy. In this moment, take the time to calm your spirit, rest your body.
Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd who desires the best for you.

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...

Many: From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal.
Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Announcements

Call to Worship

By Nancy Townley

One: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands

Many: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

One: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

Many: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Many: Let us 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: They are there in the Bible: men and women who are as weak, as foolish, as prone to sin as we are. Every page, every story reveals to us our brokenness. Yet every page, every story tells us of the One who longs to make us whole. Let us confess our sins, and clear the way for God's reconciling love to work within u. Please join me, as we pray our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession and Letting Go

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Let us pray...

All: In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We complain about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our own failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs.

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

One: Let us continue...

All: Forgive us, God. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop focusing on our own hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters

and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness and Assurance

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.

Many: When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Our past is just that - our past!

One: Do you really believe this - that your past is done, and you are a new person? If so, go out and reflect it in your life.

Many: Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as forgiven and reconciled people. Amen.

*** 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 Rebecca Guadino

One: The fullness of God dwelled in Jesus Christ our brother, who showed us the ways of love and peace. As the body of Christ in the world, let us share his love and peace with one another. 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

By Rebecca Guadino

One: Let us pray...

Many: Holy God, you care for our needs with your compassionate presence and teachings.

Holy God, be our Guest, and accept our seeking presence, and bless us with understanding of Your word. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Today Luke 10:38-42

At the Home of Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

A Refection on the Word

*** Hymn of Response**

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Offering of Our Gifts and Our Lives

One: As the Prophet Amos observed long ago, in our world the poor are too often sold for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals. But we can live a different ethic—our lives can embody the love of God. Let's make room for others through our giving, that they may also know God's love and hope.
If you are able, please consider giving to the work and ministry of Trinity United Church of Christ.
Your gifts are used in service to others through the ministries and mission of Trinity. 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

By the UMC

One: Let us pray...

Many: Lord of all wisdom and patience, what would it mean if we asked you to dedicate not only the gifts we give to the church, but all the rest that we keep and hold back. What if we lived as those whose every dollar, every talent, every hour was dedicated to making kindness, mercy, and justice the norm and not the exception? Help us to make this more into the reality of an offering of our whole being. We pray in the name of the Jesus who gave his whole self for our redemption. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please drop off any prayer requests in the basket located in the entrance to the fellowship hall
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,”
and the congregation will respond with **“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**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**1 What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!**

**3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

*** Charge and Benediction**

One: God sends us from this place, with our eyes wide open.
Many: May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.

One: Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen.
Many: We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world; we will open ourselves to the anguish
of those around us.

One: The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and brother.
Many: May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.

One: You are called to go out peacefully into the world. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all
your mind, and all your strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.
May: 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”

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