

# 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*

### 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](http://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: Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

By Nancy Townley

One: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

Many: Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

One: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

Many: Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

Many: Let us praise God who is always with us.

### \*Hymn of Gathering

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther.

There is no sha-dow of turn-ing with thee.

Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not.

As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.

**[Refrain:]**

Great is thy faith ful- ness!

Great is thy faith- ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see.

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vi-ded.

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, unto me!

2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

join with all na-ture in man-i-fold witness

to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.

**[Refrain]**

3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row;

bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

**[Refrain]**

### **Call to Confession**

**By Rev. Thom Shuman**

One: Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray to God our prayer of confession and letting go

### **Prayer of Confession and Letting Go**

One: Let us pray...

All: What more can we say, God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat and ignore. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away.

Please take a few moments of silence for personal reflection.

One: Let us continue...

All: Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises and encouragement of hope and grace you have given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Words of Forgiveness and Assurance**

**By Rev. Thom Shuman**

One: Shhh, listen! Can you hear them? The saints of heaven - those who have gone on before us - are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.

Many: Thanks be to God! The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven. 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**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As a forgiven and renewed people, please share the peace of Christ with those around 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 John Brewer**

One: Let us pray...

**Many:** Glorious things of thee are spoken. We marvel at the wisdom of your word, O God of heaven.

May these words we are about to hear, become nourishment for our souls and guidance for the living of our daily lives. Write these words on our hearts, O Lord, that we may be reflections of your truth and mercy. Amen.

**Scripture Reading for Today**      **Jeremiah 29:11**

<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

## A Refection on the Word

By Amelia Birge

**\* Hymn of Response**

## How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**Refrain:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

## Offering of Our Gifts and Our Lives

One: 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 on the table as you come in.

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:** Caring God, we offer ourselves into your nurturing hands. Receive the devotions of our labors, the fruits of our vines, and all that we are and know, that we may make a difference: in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Receive these sacrifices, as a pledge to live our beliefs, through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Please drop off any prayer requests in the basket located in the narthex, or in the offering plate.

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**

### **Amazing Grace**

**1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures**

**5 When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun**

We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**By Rev. Thom Shuman**

One: The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

**Many: We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.**

One: The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

**Many: We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.**

One: The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.

**Many: We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.**

One: The One now asks that you go out into the world in peace. To love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and all your strength; and 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"**

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