

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

One: Let us pray...

Many: O Lord, we come into this moment carrying the weight of our days. The strain we feel on our bodies, the struggle we witness in our neighbors, the burdens that threaten to overwhelm us. Draw near to us now, and steady our weariness. Kindle in us a courage that does not look away, and strengthen any weakness we may have. For we ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Announcements

Call to Worship

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Called to be light,

Many: we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

One: Called to be salt,

Many: we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.

One: Called to live in God's reality,

Many: we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.

***Hymn of Gathering**

God of Grace, and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

4 Set our feet on lofty places
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ like graces
In the fight to set us free
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
In the quest for liberty,
In the quest for liberty

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

5 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Call to Confession

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: This is what God hopes for us - that we will speak of the mistakes we make, so we might be forgiven. Relying on the Spirit for the right words, let us pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession and Letting Go

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: Let us pray...

All: It is true we break your commandments, God. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.

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, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Words of Forgiveness and Assurance

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: God will show us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God of salvation!

Many: God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy.

Thanks be to God, 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: We are but single threads woven together to form a tapestry of many colors. Remembering this, let us greet one another as children of God by passing the peace of Christ.

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: **Open our ears to hear, our hearts to feel, and our minds to discern your word and your will O God.**

May it motivate us to let our light shine to bring good news and liberation to the poor, to the marginalized, and to all who are in need anywhere. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Today

Isaiah 58:1-12

False and True Worship

58 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

Offering of Our Gifts and Our Lives

One: Faithful Friends of God, The prophets tell us that devotion is revealed in the way we lighten each other's load— right here, in our streets and neighborhoods, where strain is real and hope needs partners. When we give, we join the work of lifting burdens and repairing the places we call home. Let our offering be simple and true: open hands, willing hearts, and commitment to our shared life. You may drop your offering for today in the offering plates as they are brought forward. Your gifts are used in service to others through the ministries and mission of Trinity UCC. 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: Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living, mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. 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

This Little Light of Mine

1 This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

2 Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

3 Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine!
Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine!
Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

4 Shine it all over Westville; I'm gonna let it shine
Shine it all over Westville; I'm gonna let it shine
Shine it all over Westville; I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

*** Charge and Benediction**

By Rev. Thom Shuman

One: To those huddled in the shadows of fear and worry,
Many: God sends to be light.

One: To those whose lives and hopes have lost all flavor,
Many: Jesus sends us to be salt.

One: To a society where love is tossed aside as easily as a food wrapper,
Many: The Holy Spirit sends us to be faithful carers of everyone we meet.

One: To a world in need of your light, go out into the world in peace. 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: Go forth, knowing that the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you is with you today and for ever more. Knowing this, may laughter and joy go with you every step of your journey.
Many: Amen.

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