

Trinity United Presbyterian Church (USA) is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are three churches which merged together to become one in 2008. We are a multicultural, multigenerational and multiethnic congregation reflecting the rich diversity of God's people. This church is a witness to the uniqueness of the Christian faith which must be responsive to diversity both in the church and in the world. You are welcome here.

## OFFICERS

### *The Session*

Class of 2017	Gwen Barney, Mary Krist, Barbara Wesley
Class of 2018	Sharon Auger, Waldo Bronson, Denise Dixon
Class of 2019	Sharon Burton, Shirley Hale, Jane Harger
	Moderator ~ Rev. Desiree A. Lawson
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	Treasurer ~ Janet Hartzell

### *The Board of Deacons*

Class of 2017	Funmi Adigun, Sharon Bonney, Alice Shirley
Class of 2018	Charles Atwater, Beverly Bronson, Matt Burton
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*"It's not about where you've been that matters most to God, it's where you're GROWING..."*

### **VISION STATEMENT**

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ GROWING together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.*

*We invite you to come and GROW with us.*

### **PALM SUNDAY**



April 9, 2017

10:00 am

Pastor – Rev. Desiree A. Lawson

Music Director – Dr. Eleanor Goodman

Liturgist – Elder Greg Bolduc

Praise Team

(\*\*indicates congregation standing as able.)

All Music will be projected on screen.)

## GATHERING

**\*\*Gathering Song      *Lead Me, Guide Me***

God of our salvation, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. **Amen.**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

*One:      The Lord is merciful and gracious,*

**All:      slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*One:      Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**All:      Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*\*Opening Hymn      *There is Power in the Blood***

### WORDS OF WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER *(in unison)*

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY SILENTLY.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*One: This is proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners Christ died for us.*

Sung Response#85      ***What Wondrous Love is This***  
***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,***  
***What wondrous love is this, O my soul!***  
***What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss***  
***To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,***  
***To bear the heavy cross for my soul!***

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response      ***Hear Our Prayer***  
***Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;***  
***Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.***

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

With gratitude, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory Meditation      ***In the Beauty of Holiness***

**\*\*Doxology #592      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Offertory Response

*One: Jesus said: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

**All: You have shown us, O God the sacrifice you desire. Now use these gifts and use our lives to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name of for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD

Music Ministry      ***I Almost Let Go***

Reading of Scripture:      Matthew 26:36-46

*One:      The Word of the Lord*

**All:      Thanks be to God.**

Sermon:      ***What do you do when The Plan becomes too hard?***

**\*\*CHILDREN & YOUTH DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL\*\***

## LEAVING GOD'S HOUSE

**\*\*Closing Hymn      *Were You There***

**\*\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*\*Three-Fold Amen**

## COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP TIME

Joys & Concerns

Announcements (Minute for Mission, Special Events)

**\*\* Recite Vision Statement**

**\*\*The Passing of Christ's Peace**

*One:      Having met Christ in this house, let us now share his peace: the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!*

**All:      And also with you!**

*Please join us for a light snack and Sunday school after service.*

