

Trinity United Presbyterian Church (USA) is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are three churches which merged together and became one in 2007. We are a multicultural, multigenerational and multiethnic congregation reflecting the rich diversity of God's people. This congregation 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.

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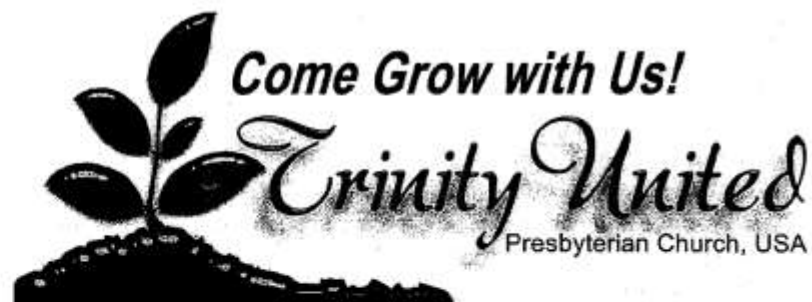
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TUPC VISION STATEMENT

*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.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



LISTEN AT RADIO STATION 87.9 FM

September 13th, 2020

10:00am

Interim Pastor – Rev. Lindsey Carnes
Liturgist – Waldo Bronson
Special Music – Jacquelyn McClellan

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We have come together in the name of Christ

[Look around and nod or smile a greeting to all in the congregation]

To offer our praise and thanksgiving

[Lift up hands high as an act of praise]

To hear and receive God's Holy Word

[Hands as a "V" like the open pages of a book]

To pray for the needs of the world

[Put hands together, palm to palm for prayer]

And to seek the forgiveness of our sins

[Hold out your hands in front of the body – palms up – ready to receive]

That by the power of the Holy Spirit

[Link thumbs and gently 'flap' the fingers as wings, imitating a dove – a symbol of the Holy Spirit]

We may give ourselves to the service of God

[Put your hand across your heart and then move them outward in a gesture of self-giving]

Opening Hymn GTG#413 **Come Into God's Presence**

1 Come into God's presence singing
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

2 Come into God's presence singing
"Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

3 Praise the Lord together singing
"Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb."

4 Praise the Lord together singing
"Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

Call to Confession:

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we are not always as loving as God wants us to be.

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, parent of us all, we know we don't always treat each other as you want us to. Lord God, forgive us, and **help us to be more loving**. There are times when we insist on getting our own way, despite what others feel. Lord God, forgive us, and **help us to be more loving**. Sometimes we increase the tension when we ought to be seeking to make peace.

Lord God, forgive us, and **help us to be more loving**

Often we say things which hurt each other. Lord God, forgive us, and **help us to be more loving**

For our jealousy, our lack of respect, and times when we won't listen to those we live with, Lord God, forgive us, and **help us to be more loving**

And because we sometimes just get bored with each other. Lord God, forgive us, and **help us to be more loving**.

(SILENCE IS KEPT)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear and believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; our old lives are gone and our new lives have already begun. You are forgiven. You are free to live in the light of love. Amen.

Backpack Blessing

God, bless this bag and the child who will use it. Be with them as they learn and grow this year. Show them how to serve you and help them to teach us all about your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

When it's the night before going to school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies...

Children: Jesus is with me.

When I'm waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day...

Children: Jesus is with me.

When I'm getting on the school bus or being driven to school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class...

Children: Jesus is with me.

When I'm playing with my friends at recess...

Children: Jesus is with me.

When I'm finding the right school bus to ride home...

Children: Jesus is with me.

When I'm telling my family about my day at school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

When I'm praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends and my school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Pastor: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by my side. I know that if I get nervous or afraid, you will be there with me. When I see the cross on my backpack and lunchbox, I will remember that you are always with me. I know that I can talk with you any time—day or night—and for that I am so thankful. I pray this all in your name. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Bible Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Reading of Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a

One: *The Word of the Lord*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Mountains Can Seem Like Obstacles"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn PH#369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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(work/pray/sing)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

O Holy God, the time has come when school begins. As these children begin their studies, we pray a special blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books, markers, crayons and pencils they will use to learn. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days and weeks and months. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless, O God, all school administrators that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless, O God, each one gathered here that we will seek every opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of you – in our church school classes, all our classes for youth and students and adult learners. Grant that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

And bless, O God, these our cherished children, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that through

their study, they may gain the tools to grow in love and faith and service, all their days. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless, O God, these backpacks and the children who carry them. O Lord of Life and Love, hear our prayer as we pray the words you taught us to pray, saying...Our Father...

Introduction to the Offering:

Hear the words of the Psalmist: "The righteous are generous and keep giving." May we be generous and share our gifts of lives and labors to our God. Let us receive our tithes and offerings.

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

(Unison) Because of everything you do for us, this is what we have to offer. Take these gifts to help heal those who hurt and feed those who are hungry. Take us and use us here and in our community. We thank you for receiving our offering, big or small.

The Sacrament of Baptism

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn PH#368

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

(I've got joy like a fountain/I've got love like an ocean)

Charge and Benediction

Go into the world, your schools, your homes and be Christ's light! Let your lights not be diminished in the midst of change. Let them find ways to shine even brighter. Be the light of love to all. Be the light of patience when days are long, when technology does not work, when new ways of doing things are hard. Be the light to shine on new ideas and new ways of learning. Be thankful for the lights of others who work hard to create fun, engaging, and challenging ways to lead our students. Be the light of joy for a new school year, new friends, and new ways of learning. You are the light of the world! Go into the world and shine bright with kindness, patience, energy and love!

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!**