



LABYRINTH
Meditation after Postlude

“TO DO ALL THE GOOD WE CAN.”

*Our Mission is grow passionate disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of our world*

***Timeless:** Connection with Ancient-Modern expression of worship

***Traditional:** Traditions of Trinity and Methodist Heritage

***Transforming:** Spiritual Education and Spiritual Formation

WELCOME TO TRINITY

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

Simon P. Moore

Trinity United Methodist is distinctively Christian, yet we believe God is larger than our theology and tradition. Our aim is to grow passionate disciples of Jesus for the transformation of our world.

*Whatever your thoughts on church,
whatever your beliefs on God,
you are welcome at Trinity*

CALLING TO WORSHIP BELL

BELL RING



CENTERING WORDS

Rev. Katlin Moore

In our darkest hours, God's light continues to shine. In our weariest moments, God's strength is enough. In our times of greatest isolation, God's presence is always near.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Moore

Come, all who are weary.

Christ strengthens us with love and grace.

In this strength, we can do all things.

We are here, ready to receive God's blessings.

OPENING HYMN

#513

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on, strong in the strength which God supplies thru his eternal Son; strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power, who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.
2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued, but take to arm you for the fight the panoply of God; that having all things done, and all your conflicts passed, ye may o'ercome thru Christ alone and stand entire at last.
3. Pray without ceasing, pray, (your Captain gives the word) his summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord; to God your every want in instant prayer display, pray always, pray and never faint, pray, without ceasing pray.
4. From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray, tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well-fought day. Still let the Spirit cry in all his soldiers, "Come!" till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Gile

The Lord be with you,
and also with you

Let us pray:

Mighty God, pour out Your power and strength on us.

Grant us the nourishment we need to receive Your Word.

May Your presence fill our lives and carry us forth,

preparing us to be Your people

and equipping us to do Your work in the world.

In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

Jerry Linzy

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALTER

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

**Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!

Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

From you let my vindication come!

Let your eyes see the right!

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,

if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;

my mouth does not transgress.

Concerning what others do:

I have avoided the ways of the violent

by following your word.

My steps have held fast to your paths,

my feet have not slipped.

**Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your presence.**

**Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

Jerry Linzy

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

HYMN

#540

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend, to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

* GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MUSICAL OFFERING

* **MESSAGE**

Limping into Sunrise

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Gile

Pastoral Prayer

REV. KATE MOORE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses;
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever. Amen

Offering

Rev. Kate Moore

The Offering

Offertory

Response to the Message

✠ **Doxology— Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Holy Spirit, as You blessed Jacob long ago,
bless us now.

As You blessed bread and fish on a Galilean shore,
bless and transform these gifts
into abundant blessings for those in need;
bless and guide our ministries
into avenues for Your mercy and grace.
In Your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you
and give you His peace. Amen

POSTLUDE

LABYRINTH

Some of you may have been to a church or a retreat center that had a labyrinth on the grounds. Walking the labyrinth is a way of praying with the body that invites the divine presence into an active conversation with the heart and soul. The labyrinth is a sacred pattern that leads you on a prescribed path to its center and back out again. As we walk along, we are invited to take note of our journey, the twists and turns, as they mirror our personal spiritual walks. We invite you to embark upon this journey of prayerful wandering, but you certainly don't have to wait until you are standing at the opening of an actual life-sized labyrinth. Follow these steps and trace the labyrinth with your finger in order to focus your thoughts and open yourself up to the presence of God.

First Movement: Releasing (Confession)

Place your finger at the opening of the labyrinth. Pray silently prayer of confession. When finished, slowly move your finger forward along the labyrinth. Move at your own pace toward the center. Let the words of the prayer stay with you. Quiet your mind as you move through the labyrinth. Make room for emotions and stirrings that arise. What needs to be changed, forgiven, cleared, confronted, or healed in your life? Offer these situations to God as you move forward.

Second Movement: Receiving (Centering)

When you reach the center, rest your finger there for a moment before you read a scripture reading for the day. When you are ready, read the passage slowly, as if you have never read it before. Center on Gods Word and be open to what God reveals to you through the reading. Return you finger to the center of the labyrinth and reflect on the passage and what it holds for you.

Third Movement: Returning (Intercession)

As you prepare to leave the labyrinth, place your finger at the same opening in the center where you entered. Now lift up your intercessory prayers for the day and when finished, begin to move your finger back along the same path on which you entered. Let the intercessory prayers stay with you, and add to them as you make the turns and move along the pattern back out of the labyrinth. Be mindful of people and circumstances in the world that are in need of your prayers. Hold each one in your heart for a part of the journey outward.

When you have finished...

As you lift your finger from the labyrinths end, offer thanks to God.





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