



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021



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

July Ushers — Team #3
Glenn Claybaugh, Lloyd Claybaugh & Charles Marshall

WELCOME TO TRINITY

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE.

Whitney Muncy

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*

Call to Worship Bells



CENTERING WORDS

Rev Kaitlin Moore

Fools say in their hearts: “There is no God.”
The faithful prove the foolishness of these words,
not with their words, but with their actions.

PRELUDER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have you come to this place?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Why have you come today?

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and eat your fill.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

**Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives,
that nothing may be lost.**

Come! Let us worship.

Opening Hymn

#92

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
6. For thy self, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you,
and also with you

Let us pray:

God of steadfast love, fools say in their hearts:
“There is no God.”

May our words and our very lives
prove that we are not foolish.

May our faith be as constant as the North Star,
and may others know that we are Christians
by our love, that we may be reflections of Your presence.
In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Rev.Dr. Todd A. Gile

INTRODUCTION

First Lesson

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Terri Kendall

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said

to Uriah, ‘You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?’ Uriah said to David, ‘The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.’ Then David said to Uriah, ‘Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.’ So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, ‘Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.’

Psalter

#746

Psalm 14

R: My hope is lost; breathe life upon me.

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none that does good.
The Lord looks down from heaven on all people, to see if there are any that are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is none that does good, no, not one.

R: My hope is lost; breathe life upon me.

Have they no knowledge, the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When the Lord restores their fortunes,

Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad!

R: My hope is lost; breathe life upon me.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

Terri Kendall

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

#347

Spirit Song

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

* GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Musical Offering

* MESSAGE

Rumors

Rev. Kaitlin Moore

* Pastoral Prayer

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 forever. Amen**

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

#127 *Guide me O Great Jehovah*

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; (give to thee) I will ever give to thee.

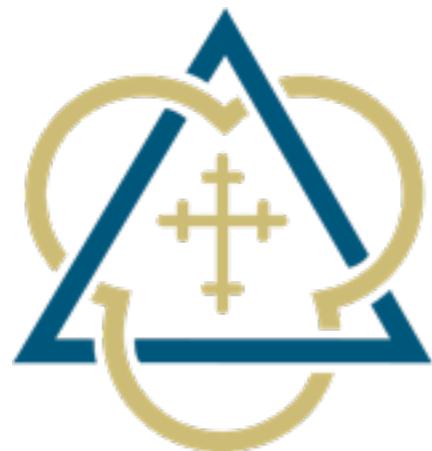
BENEDICTION

Go to follow Jesus, who gives us the bread of life.

Go to walk in the ways of Christ, who strengthens us in our inner being through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Go to serve our Living Lord, who gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

POSTLUDE



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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 your 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 labyrinth's end, offer thanks to God.