



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**

Todd

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



# CENTERING WORDS

Kaitlin

When our lives feel like a valley of dried bones,  
the Spirit clothes our hearts with flesh and breathes new life into our souls.

# PRELUDE

*Tom Drury*

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Kaitlin

When our lives become a valley of dry bones,  
**God clothes us with flesh  
and hearts that beat with love.**

When our souls seem withered away,  
**God breathes new life into us once more  
that we might live.**

Come! Let us worship.

# OPENING HYMN

#547      The Church of God United

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord, proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord. Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear; to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near. They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord, and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be. Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.
4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one, close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son: to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright, that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you**

Todd

Let us pray:

God of promise and hope,  
we come to you feeling dried up,  
like a valley filled with dry bones.  
Share your visions of new life with us,  
that we might have hope for our future.  
Bring us up from the grave,  
that we might live as people of promise.  
Put your Spirit within us,  
that we might have life everlasting. Amen.

# INTRODUCTION

# FIRST LESSON

## **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

# PSALTER

## PSALM 130

**In my distress I cry to the Lord: “Deliver me, O Lord.”**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,  
that you may be worshiped.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
in the Lord’s word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

**And the Lord will redeem Israel  
from all iniquities.**

**-In my distress I cry to the Lord: “Deliver me, O Lord.”**

# HYMN

#620

One Bread, One Body

1. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
2. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
3. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

# SECOND LESSON

## Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit[a] is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,[b] since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit[c] is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

# MUSICAL OFFERING

# \* MESSAGE

When Two or More Gather....

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Gile

# PASTORAL PRAYER

Kaitlin

## THE LORD'S PRAYER—#895

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

## Offertory

✠ **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—

**Todd**

Holy God, you sent your Son into the world,  
that we might set our minds on life and peace,  
rather than dwelling on earthly things.  
Receive this offering,  
that it may go forth to continue the work of Christ,  
who brings fullness of life.  
May our gifts be a source of light in a world  
that has learned to love the darkness. 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.





**TRINITY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Lead Pastor  
Community Development Pastor  
Office Administrator  
Financial Secretary  
Music Director  
Choir Director  
Hospitality  
Part time Maintenance

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Gile  
Rev. Kaitlin Moore Morley  
Jean Mason  
Kelly Walls  
Tom Drury  
Andrea Drury  
Sharon Norvell  
Debbie Kemp & David Bell

Office Hours: M-F 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Phone: 812-423-4495

Website—[www.EVVTrinityUMC.org](http://www.EVVTrinityUMC.org)