



TRINITY "... to do all the good we can"
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Whitney Muncy

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

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 BELL



CENTERING WORDS

Rev. Kate Moore

As we gather today, God is with us.
The Holy One knows us. The Living God shines through us.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Moore

Brothers and sisters, we are loved by God.

The ruler of heaven and earth knows us by name.

God hears and answers our cries for help.

God shows compassion and kindness to us.

May our lives praise and magnify
our great and awesome God.

**We have come to worship the one whose image
is imprinted within us.**

OPENING HYMN

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JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you,
and also with you

Let us pray:

Magnificent and Holy One, we long to know you better.

As we make our way in this world,
we search for signs that you are with us.

Give us a glimpse of your glorious presence,
and show us your ways.

May our lives ring out the marvelous message
of your goodness, your mercy, and your love. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33: 12-23

Cindy Grabill

Moses said to the Lord, ‘See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, “I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.” Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’ He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’

The Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.’ Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’ And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The Lord”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’ And the Lord continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

PSALTER

R: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory over all the earth be found.

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and wondrous name!

Holy is the Lord!

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God. Worship at the Lord's footstool!

Holy is the Lord!

R: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory over all the earth be found.

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

They cried to the Lord, who answered them, who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.

They kept God's testimonies, and the statutes God gave them.

O Lord, our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

Surely the Lord our God is holy!

R: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory over all the earth be found.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Cindy Grabill

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

HYMN

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ABIDE WITH ME

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

* GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

MUSICAL OFFERING

* MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Gile

Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's,
and to God the things that are God's.'

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 for ever. Amen**

Offering

Rev. Kaitlin Moore

The 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

All that we have and all that we are
belong to You, O God.

As we give these gifts and ourselves freely to You,
may others know Your goodness and Your love,
through our offerings. 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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