***Trinity United Methodist Church***

June 4th, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

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*INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,

**AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME WELCOMES GOD!**

Whoever welcomes a righteous person in the spirit of holiness will receive the rewards of holiness;

**AND WHOEVER GIVES EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES IN THE NAME OF A DISCIPLE-- TRULY I TELL YOU, NONE OF THESE WILL LOSE THEIR REWARD.”**

We do not come to be rewarded as much as to be reassured,

**REFRESHED IN THE PROMISES OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS, AND STRENGTHENED FOR THE DAYS AHEAD. AMEN.**

HYMN # 660 “God Is Here” HYMN TO JOY

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace.
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching, here, in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (10:30) Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER *(Following the prayer, the children may go to Sunday School.)*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:40-42 Liturgist

HOMILY “For the Welcome Never Ends” Pastor Dave

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION Liturgist

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below,**

**praise God above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

HYMN # 614 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” NETTLETON

**For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored;
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.
In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

**Together at your table, together in your love, we raise our celebration and praise our God above; together in our serving, together in our need, we seek your holy presence, where hearts and souls are freed!**

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE *(We will come forward to receive the sacrament. If you cannot come forward, please signal the ushers, and they will bring communion to you. Please commune at the altar rail, kneeling or standing, and please stay as long as you wish.)*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE Pastor Dave

CLOSING HYMN # 664 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us,
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

BLESSING *We offer thanks, Almighty God, for the welcome extended by this nation and by this church.* *May all our efforts tend towards welcoming, that we may keep Love’s tie unbroken. Amen!*

POSTLUDE