***Trinity United Methodist Church***

July 9 th, 2023 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. \*please stand as you are able

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor; Selma Lippincott, Liturgist; Christina Wong, Zoomologist

*“****Vices and Virtues*** *– Seven Sure Strategies*

*to Sabotage or Sanctification”*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

St. Paul teaches: “Brethren, if we have any encouragement from being united with Christ,

**IF WE RECEIVE ANY COMFORT FROM HIS LOVE,**

if we enjoy any common sharing in the Spirit,

**AND ALSO GIVE AND RECEIVE TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION,**

then make my joy complete by being like-minded,

**HAVING THE SAME LOVE, BEING ONE IN SPIRIT AND OF ONE MIND.” WE GATHER TODAY TO ASPIRE TO THIS ELEVATED RELATIONSHIP STATUS! AMEN!**

\*HYMN # 554 “All Praise To Our Redeeming Lord” AMAZING GRACE

**All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.**

**He bids us build each other up; and gathered into one,
to our high calling’s glorious hope we hand in hand go on.**

**The gift which he on one bestows, we all delight to prove,
the grace through every vessel flows, in purest streams of love.**

**E’en now we think and speak the same, and cordially agree;
concentered all, through Jesus’ name, in perfect harmony.**

**We all partake the joy of one; the common peace we feel,
a peace to sensual minds unknown, a joy unspeakable.**

**And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet,
what height of rapture shall we know**

**when round his throne we meet!**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

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

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 357 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

*SILENT PRAYERS PASTORAL PRAYER*

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 10.1-6 and Philippians 2. 1-4 Liturgist

HOMILY “Eating The Biggest Rat First” Pastor Dave

\*DOXOLOGY and BLESSING OF THE GIFTS 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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN # 549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” AZMON

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of His body joined, in Him we are made one.**

**We now forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be ours His holy peace.**

**For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;
God’s family embraces all whose Maker is the same.**

\*BLESSING *Therefore, if we have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then let us make our joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.  We aspire to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but to embrace a healthy humility in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*POSTLUDE