***TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

July 23rd, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ DIGITAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

Rev. David Vallelunga, Pastor; Minda Fernish, Pianist; Gitta Brewster, Liturgist;

Jon Hallsted, Featured Speaker; Christina Wong, Zoomologist

“Vices and Virtues – Seven Sure Strategies to Sabotage or Sanctification” Week 3

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE Everyone

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Be still before the Lord; wait patiently for God;

**THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO SAY, BUT VERY HARD TO DO!**

In our world of vengeance and quickly escalating

blood pressure,

**ANGER IS COMMON, AND PATIENCE IS HARDER TO FIND.**

But *find it we must*, for our health and the world’s;

**AND SO, WE COME TODAY, TO BE STILL BEFORE THE LORD, AND TO RECEIVE INSIGHT AND INSTRUCTION FROM THE SACRED TEXTS AND FROM ONE ANOTHER’S WISDOM, TOO. AMEN!**

HYMN # 115 “How Like a Gentle Spirit Deep Within”

**How like a gentle spirit deep within**

**God reigns our fervent passions day by day,**

**and gives us strength to challenge and to win**

**despite the perils of our chosen way.**

**Let God be God wherever life may be,**

**let every tongue bear witness to the call,**

**all humankind is one by God’s decree,**

**let God be God, let God be God for all.**

**God like a mother eagle hovers near**

**on mighty wings of power manifest,**

**God like a gentle shepherd stills our fear,**

**and comforts us against a peaceful breast.**

**When in our vain pretensions we conspire**

**to shape God’s image as we see our own,**

**hark to the voice above our base desire,**

**God is the sculptor, we the broken stone.**

**Through all our fretful claims of sex and race**

**the universal love of God shines through,**

**for God is Love, transcending style and place,**

**and all the idle options we pursue.**

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

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

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 2219 “Goodness is Stronger than Evil”

**Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate;**

**Light is stronger than darkness, love is stronger than death,**

**Victory is ours, victory is ours, through him who loved us,**

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***Silent Prayers Pastoral Prayer***

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WE HEAR FROM A HEALER Jon Hallsted, Healthbridge Global

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 37:7-9 and Ecclesiastes 7:8-9 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION

SERMON “Retiring Your IRA” 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.**

HYMN # 435 “O God of Every Nation”, BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

**O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.  
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,**

**from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and nation and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!**

**Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release**

**from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase.  
When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

BLESSING *God of Eternal Grace, show us the suffering of the most miserable, so we will know your people's plight. Free us to pray for others, for you are present in every person. Grant us courage to serve others, for in service there is true life. Give us honesty and patience, so that the Spirit will be alive among us, and let the Spirit flourish and grow, so that we will never tire of the struggle. Amen.* ***prayer of the farm workers' struggle - césar e. chávez***

POSTLUDE