“Trinity UMC exists to **ENGAGE** people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, that we will **GROW** in Christ-like compassion, and **SHARE** the blessings of the Holy Spirit.”

August 20th, 2023 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor; Rich Wolff, Liturgist;

Minda Fernish, Pianist; Christina Wong, Zoomologist

“Vices and Virtues – Week 6

Seven Sure Strategies to Sabotage or Sanctification”

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE Everyone

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Ah, the lazy, hazy days of summer;

**WE NEED TO SLOW DOWN, WE ARE EASILY OVERHEATED MAMMALS, AFTER ALL!**

But laziness for seasonal self-preservation is not the same

as a life devoted to sloth;

**AND TOO MANY IN OUR WORLD ARE SLUGGISH AND SHIFTLESS AND SUFFERING, PARALYZED BY SLOWNESS.**

Today we explore sloth and diligence, and recommit to lives marked by industry,

***EVEN* DURING THE LAZY, HAZY DAYS OF SUMMER! AMEN!**

HYMN # 688   “God, That Madest Earth and Heaven”

**God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light,
who the day for toil hast given, for rest the night:
may thine angel guards defend us, slumber sweet thy mercy send us; holy dreams and hopes attend us, this livelong night.**

**When the constant sun returning unseals our eyes,
may we, born anew like morning, to labor rise.
Gird us for the task that calls us, let not ease and self enthrall us,
strong through thee whate'er befall us, O God most wise!**

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.)*

SONG #508 “Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom” HYFRODOL

**Faith while trees are still in blossom, plans that picking of the fruit;**

**faith can feel the thrill of harvest, when the buds begin to sprout.**

**Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun;**

**faith is eager for the day-light, for the work that must be done.**

*O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despondency, lust of power, and idle talk; but grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

**Long before the rains were coming, Noah went and built an ark.**

**Abraham, the lonely migrant, saw the Light beyond the dark.**

**Faith, uplifted, tamed the water of the undivided sea;**

**and the people of the Hebrews**

**found the path that made them free.**

*O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice: for those who are discriminated against because of their race, color or religion; for those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression; for those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth; for those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship; for those deprived of reasonable health and education; for those suffering from hunger and famine; for those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them; for the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it, and for those most imprisoned by depression in holding cells of sloth. We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice. Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system*

*that perpetuates injustice. Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical in our modern world. Amen.*

**Faith, believes that God is faithful, God will be who God will be!**

**Faith accepts the call responding: "I am willing; Lord, Send me."**

**Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun;**

**faith is eager for the day-light, for the work that must be done.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Proverbs 26:13-15 and 2 Thessalonians 3.6

SERMON “You Were Raised Better Than That!” 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.**

CLOSING HYMN # 438 “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

**Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know in all I think, or speak, or do.**

**The task Thy wisdom hath assigned, o let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works Thy presence find, and prove Thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see;
and labor on at Thy command, and offer all my works to Thee.**

**For Thee delightfully employ whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with Thee to heaven.**

BLESSING *To fill each human house with love, that is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share. So, grant us courage, Loving God, to choose again the zeal-filled way, and help us to accept with joy the labor of tomorrow’s day! Amen!*

POSTLUDE