**Trinity United Methodist Church**

November 12th, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ DIGITAL BULLETIN

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Looking to the future is fraught with uncertainty;

**AND SO WE TAKE COMFORT IN THE TIME-TESTED TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE.**

Especially today, then, we take comfort from the words of St. Paul:

**WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNINFORMED, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, SO THAT YOU MAY NOT GRIEVE AS OTHERS DO WHO HAVE NO HOPE.**

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

**EVEN SO, THROUGH JESUS, GOD WILL BRING WITH HIM THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DIED. AMEN.**

HYMN # 733 “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

**O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;  
come with thy timeless judgment now,**

**to match our present hour.**

**Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith,**

**calm of a call obeyed.**

**Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,  
and finely build for days to come**

**foundations that endure.**

**Bring to our world of strife**

**thy sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more,**

**and desolation cease.**

**O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;  
let there be light again, and set**

**thy judgments on the earth.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 369 “Blessed Assurance”

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**

**O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,**

**born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long.**

*Silent Prayers*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,**

**visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above**

**echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long.**

*Pastoral Prayer*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;**

**I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,**

**filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long.**

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Liturgist

ANTHEM “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring”, *JS Bach*

SERMON “Oh, Rapture!” Pastor Dave

STEWARDSHIP TIME Pamela Beeman-Rabut

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**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 # 701 “When We All Get to Heaven”

**Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;**

**sing his mercy and his grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed**

**he'll prepare for us a place. CHORUS**

**CHORUS: When we all get to heaven,**

**what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,**

**we'll sing and shout the victory!**

**While we walk the pilgrim pathway,**

**clouds will overspread the sky;  
but when traveling days are over,**

**not a shadow, not a sigh. CHORUS**

**Let us then be true and faithful,**

**trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of him in glory**

**will the toils of life repay. CHORUS**

**Onward to the prize before us!**

**Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
soon the pearly gates will open;**

**we shall tread the streets of gold. CHORUS**

BLESSING *The will of God will never take you where the grace of God cannot keep you. Where the arms of God cannot support you, where the riches of God cannot supply your needs, where the power of God cannot endow you. Amen.*

POSTLUDE