*Trinity United Methodist Church*

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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

St. Paul writes: But you, beloved, are not

in darkness,

**FOR YOU ARE ALL CHILDREN OF LIGHT AND CHILDREN OF THE DAY.**

So then, since we belong to the day, let us

be sober,

**AND PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF FAITH AND LOVE, AND FOR A HELMET THE HOPE OF SALVATION.**

For God has destined us, not for wrath,

**BUT FOR OBTAINING SALVATION THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN!**

\*HYMN # 131 “We Gather Together”

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing**

**now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

SONG # 356 “When We Are Living”

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

*Our Creator, we know that the greatest tragedy in life is not death; the greatest tragedy takes place when our talents and capabilities are underutilized and allowed to rust while we are still living! Save us from the sluggard’s way, the default choice of least resistance, for we each have been born to bring specific gifts to the world. Amen.*

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

*O God of my heart, I will not die an unlived life. I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire. I will choose to inhabit my days, to allow my living to open me, to make me less afraid, more accessible, to loosen my heart until it becomes a wing, a beacon, a promise.*

*I choose to risk my significance; to live so that which came to me as seed goes to the next as blossom,*

*and that which came to me as blossom,*

*goes on as fruit. Amen.*

**'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

*Providing God, let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect. Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows. Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly. So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness. So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors. Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty. And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Amen.*

**Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION

HOMILY “Together 24/7” Pastor Dave

A STEWARDSHIP SONG

OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY, and BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

**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 206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**I want to walk as a child of the light,**

**I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world,  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God...Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.**

**I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.**

**In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God...Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.**

**I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,**

**we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God...Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

BLESSING Pastor Dave

POSTLUDE