*Trinity United Methodist Church*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

It is written: You must understand this, my beloved:

**LET EVERYONE BE QUICK TO LISTEN, SLOW TO SPEAK, AND SLOW TO ANGER; FOR OUR ANGER DOES NOT PRODUCE**

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Therefore let us rid ourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness,

**AND WELCOME WITH MEEKNESS THE IMPLANTED WORD THAT HAS THE POWER TO SAVE OUR SOULS. AMEN!**

HYMN # 601 “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

**CHORUS: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,**

**and a light unto my path…**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,**

**and a light unto my path…**

**When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,**

**still you’re there right beside me,**

**and nothing will I fear,**

**as long as you are near,**

**please be near me to the end…CHORUS**

**Now I will not forget, your love for me, and yet,**

**my heart forever is wandering.**

**Jesus, be my guide,**

**and hold me to your side,**

**and I will love you to the end…CHORUS**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

EPISTLE READING James 1:17-27 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION “Simple Gifts” *Christina Wong, soloist*

HOMILY “That Old-Time Religion” Pastor Dave

OFFERTORY

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.**

HYMN # 623 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”

**Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.**

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.**

**Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
the feast, though not the love,**

**is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove; but thou art here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.**

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

***Spirit, spirit of gentleness,***

***blow through our emptiness,***

***opening our hearts;***

***Spirit, spirit of restlessness,***

***move us to holiness, till anger departs.***

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE *(We will come forward to receive the sacrament. If you cannot come forward, please signal the ushers, and they will bring communion to you. Please commune at the altar rail, kneeling or standing, and please stay as long as you wish.)*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE Pastor Dave

HYMN # 600 “Wonderful Words of Life”

**Sing them over again to me,**

**wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,**

**wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**wonderful words of life.**

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all**

**wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,**

**wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**wonderful words of life;
beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**wonderful words of life.**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call,**

**wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,**

**wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**wonderful words of life;
beautiful words, wonderful words,**

**wonderful words of life.**

BLESSING *We are devoted to delving into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and to Christian perseverance, for we are no longer content to be hearers who forget; we are moved to be doers who act! And we will be blessed in the doing! Amen!*

POSTLUDE