*Trinity United Methodist Church*

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PRELUDE, WELCOME, and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

O Infinite God, of life, goodness, and generous love,

**I DEDICATE MY HEART, MY LIFE, TO YOU.**Help me to cherish all human life, and do the good you want me to do.
 **MAKE ME A LOVING EXAMPLE OF YOUR**

**GENEROUS LOVE, AND A BLESSING TO EVERYONE I SEE.**

May your goodness be fully in us,

**AND IN ALL THAT WE THINK, AND SAY AND DO. AMEN!**

HYMN #265 “O Christ, the Healer”

**O Christ, the healer, we have come,**

**to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,**

**when reached by love that never ends?**

**From every ailment flesh endures,**

**our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess**

**that wholeness is our deepest need.**

**How strong, O Lord, are our desires,**

**how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths**

**unconscious pride resists or shelves.**

**In conflicts that destroy our health,**

**we diagnose the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:**

**is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**

**Grant that we all, made one in faith,**

**in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,**

**shall reach the whole of humankind.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE BEGINS Acts 3, selected verses

PRAYER SONG #2005 “Arise, Shine”

Arise, shine; **ARISE, SHINE**,

for your light has come, **FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME**,

and the glory of the Lord,

**AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD**,

has risen upon thee, **HAS RISEN UPON THEE!**

*Dear God, deliver us to our passion. Deliver us to our brilliance. Deliver us to our intelligence. Deliver us to our depth. Deliver us to our nobility. Deliver us to our beauty. Deliver us to our power to heal. Deliver us to You. Amen!*

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*In this time or prayerful vision, give us the clear sight needed to see through the lies and illusions so common in our fallen world. Help us to heal our planet, our people, our families and our nations. Allow us to see how all is connected and everything sacred. Help us embrace a divine truth, that no nation is greater, no species is of less value, no race is above another. Give us the wisdom to understand that anger at injustice is as much a sacred flame as love and forgiveness. Teach us to wield the sword of truth gently and with honor, and help us to once again believe in each other: our beauty, our frailty, our courage and our compassion. Grant us the blessing of compassion for those who would destroy us through their ignorance or fear. And when the night seems dark and endless, remind us of that small, enduring light named kindness. Let us carry it forward with us, each of us, all of us, in every heart. Dona nobis pacem... grant us peace. Amen.*

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*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

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MUSICAL INSPIRATION

HOMILY “Actions Speak Louder Than Words…”

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (WAREHAM) 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.**

CLOSING HYMN #2032 “My Life Is in You, Lord”

**My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it’s in You (repeat)**

**I will praise You with all of my life,**

**I will praise You with all of my strength,
with all of my life, with all of my strength,**

**all of my hope is in You!**

BLESSING *Loving Lord,* *may those without voice be heard. May those without food be fed. May those who are harmed be healed, and those who are dis-eased have ease return to their lives. May the earth's health be restored, that all may have peace, equality, and concord. Amen.*

POSTLUDE