***Trinity United Methodist Church***

September 8th, 2024 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL BULLETIN

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**RALLY DAY!**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

We gather today to be lifted up;

**ABOVE THE DIN OF DAILY LIFE AND THE ENDLESS DRAMA OF OUR TIMES.**

We seek lives that are full of meaning and purpose,

**AND WE ARE HERE TO CHOOSE GOD’S PURPOSES!**

And so, we rally, celebrating our togetherness,

**AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER INTO THE ASCENDED LIFE OF CHRIST. AMEN!**

HYMN # 555 “Forward Through the Ages”

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

**CHORUS: Forward through the ages,**

**in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. CHORUS**

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal. CHORUS**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 2026 “Halle, Halle, Halle”

**CHORUS: Halle, halle, halle, lujah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lujah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lujah,**

**hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**I am the resurrection, live in me, I**

 **am the resurrection, live in me;**

**I am the resurrection, live in me,**

**hallelujah, hallelujah! CHORUS**

*SILENT PRAYERS PASTORAL PRAYER*

SONG # 2026 “Halle, Halle, Halle”

SCRIPTURE Acts 1, selected verses Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION

HOMILY “Backstory” Pastor Dave

*(This is the first installment of the sermon series,*

***All You Need to Know about Christianity,***

***a Drama in Eight Acts****)*

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 # 312 “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!**

**There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!**

**See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!**

**See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia**!

BLESSING *With gratitude we take with us the blessings of this elevated time, the blessings and prayers of friends and family, and the indwelling joy of our ascended intentions! Hallelujah! Amen!*

POSTLUDE