***Trinity United Methodist Church***

September 22nd, 2024 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL BULLETIN

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor; Rich Wolff, Liturgist;

Chris Wenger, Guitar; Christina Wong, Zoomologist

PRELUDE *Pavane,* G. Faure

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

After Peter and John’s miraculous healing of the lame man, the whole Sanhedrin concurred,

**“EVERYONE LIVING IN JERUSALEM KNOWS THEY HAVE PERFORMED A NOTABLE SIGN, AND WE CANNOT DENY IT. BUT TO STOP THIS THING FROM SPREADING ANY FURTHER AMONG THE PEOPLE, WE MUST WARN THEM TO SPEAK NO LONGER TO ANYONE IN THIS NAME.”**

And so they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied,

**“WHICH IS RIGHT IN GOD’S EYES: TO LISTEN TO YOU, OR TO OBEY THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT? TRULY, TRULY, WE CANNOT HELP SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.”**

And so the story, *our story*, has continued to this

very day;

**MAY WE BE LIKE THEM, LED BY THE SPIRIT AND UNABLE TO KEEP THE STORY TO OURSELVES! AMEN!**

HYMN # 156 “I Love to Tell the Story”

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies**

**of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.   
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,**

**more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation**

**from God's own holy Word.   
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting**

**to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,**

**I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story**

**that I have loved so long.**

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE BEGINS Acts 4, selected verses

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

SONG # 2162 “Grace Alone”

**Every promise we can make,**

**every prayer and step of faith,**

**every difference we can make is only by His grace.**

**Every mountain we will climb,**

**every ray of hope we shine,**

**every blessing left behind is only by His grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies,**

**strength unknown He will provide**

**Christ in us, our cornerstone**

**we will go forth in grace alone.**

*SILENT PRAYERS PASTORAL PRAYER*

**Every soul we long to reach,**

**every heart we hope to teach,**

**everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.**

**Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,**

**every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies,**

**strength unknown He will provide**

**Christ in us, our cornerstone**

**we will go forth in grace alone.**

THE SCRIPTURE CONCLUDES Acts 4, selected verses

MUSICAL INSPIRATION *The Jolly Ploughboy*

HOMILY “The Usual Suspects” Pastor Dave

OFFERTORY *Dave’s #4*, original buttonbox tune

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 # 536 “Precious Name”

**Take the name of Jesus with you,**

**child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;**

**take it then, where'er you go.**

***Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven!***

**Take the name of Jesus ever,**

**as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather,**

**breathe that holy name in prayer.  
*Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven!***

**O the precious name of Jesus!**

**How it thrills our souls with joy,  
when his loving arms receive us,**

**and his songs our tongues employ!  
*Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven!***

**At the name of Jesus bowing,**

**falling prostrate at his feet,  
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,**

**when our journey is complete.  
*Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!***

***Hope of earth and joy of heaven!***

BLESSING ***We go forth in the name of the Cornerstone, Christ Jesus; persuaded that salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to humankind by which we must be saved! Amen!***

POSTLUDE *Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine*