*“Trinity UMC exists to* ***ENGAGE*** *people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, that we will* ***GROW*** *in Christ-like compassion and* ***SHARE*** *the blessings of the Holy Spirit.”*

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PRELUDE *God Will Take Care of You*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;

**ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS,**

And we, though many throughout the earth,

**WE ARE ONE BODY IN OUR ONE LORD!**

Many our gifts, many our works;

**YET ONE, *ONE* BODY, THE BODY OF CHRIST! AMEN!**

HYMN # 383 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

**This is a day of new be­gin­nings,**

**time to re­mem­ber and move on,  
time to be­lieve what love is bring­ing,**

**laying to rest the pain that’s gone.**

**For by the life and death of Je­sus,**

**God’s migh­ty Spir­it, now as then,  
can make for us a world of dif­fer­ence,**

**as faith and hope are born again.**

**Then let us, with the Spir­it’s dar­ing,**

**step from the past and leave be­hind  
our dis­ap­point­ment, guilt and griev­ing,**

**seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

**Christ is alive, and goes be­fore us,**

**to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new be­gin­nings;**

**our God is mak­ing all things new.**

**In faith we’ll ga­ther round the ta­ble,**

**to taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new be­gin­nings;**

**our God is mak­ing all things new!**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

EPISTLE Acts 6-7, selected verses Liturgist

HOMILY “Resistance is Futile!” Pastor Dave

*(This is the fifth message from the book of Acts in our sermon series,* ***Everything you Need to Know about Christianity,***

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

OFFERTORY *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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 OF PREPARATION # 620 “One Bread, One Body”

**CHORUS: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,**

**one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,**

**woman or man, no more…**

**Many the gifts, many the works,**

**one in the Lord of all…**

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,**

**gathered to one, for all…**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Everyone

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **You created for yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by your breath of life.** Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as Autumn comes our way, we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree. In your mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter, binding chains of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos, **you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes, to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace, to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.**

And so, with all your people on earth in every place where two or more are gathered in your name, and all the company of heaven who have gone before us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. **Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind,** to set at liberty the oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

**By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.** **He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, Father,** **and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. **Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe, may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. **Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help our eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom.** Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. **Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

WE RECEIVE THE FEAST

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *In The Garden*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE Pastor Dave

CLOSING HYMN *(a song for Stephen)* “Angel Band”

**My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run;  
my strongest trials now are past,**

**my triumph has begun…  
Oh, come, angel band, come and around me stand,  
oh, bear me away on your snow-white wings**

**to my immortal home,**

**0h, bear me away on your snow-white wings  
to my immortal home! *(Interlude)***

**Our earthly Life must end someday,**

**we’ll leave the grief and pain,**

**and gather with the saints above, eternal Life to gain!**

**Oh, come, angel band, come and around me stand,  
oh, bear me away on your snow-white wings**

**to my immortal home,  
0h, bear me away on your snow-white wings  
to my immortal home!**

**Oh, bear my longing heart to Him**

**who bled and died for me,  
whose blood now cleanses from all**

**sin and gives me victory!**

**Oh, come, angel band, come and around me stand,  
oh, bear me away on your snow-white wings**

**to my immortal home,  
0h, bear me away on your snow-white wings  
to my immortal home!**

BLESSING In the spirit of World Communion Sunday, we offer this prayer from far, far away: ***Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless Love; help us as we work and pray, send us from above truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife; Jesus, master, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life. Amen.***

POSTLUDE *In the Sweet Bye and Bye*