

Welcome to Worship

October 1, 2023

9:30 AM



Rev. Alex Molozaiy, Pastor

WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

If you're seeking a church home and would like to know more about us, please ask an usher for a welcome packet. We'd love for you to join us!



WE'VE PREPARED

a place for you!



Hearing Loop—Those with compatible hearing aids should switch them to the 'T Coil' setting.



Large Print Bulletins are available for those with challenged eyesight.

THIS MORNING'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please stand (if you are comfortably able) for portions of the service marked with an asterisk ().*

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Come, Just as You Are”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

ALL: Complete our joy as we praise you today.

LEADER: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

ALL: Complete our joy as we empower students and young leaders to follow you.

LEADER: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

ALL: Complete our joy as we gather around the table of truth and taste and see your salvation.

LEADER: Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us.

ALL: Complete our joy for your goodness' sake, O Lord.
To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls
and invite you to complete our joy.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Sing of Colors” 402

WE PREPARE TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

***CALL TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION, AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Passing the Peace of Christ is a ritual as old as the New Testament. It is a time to recall that we are called to be one in the Body of Christ, rather than a time to greet friends. Traditionally, one will say "The peace of Christ be with you." The customary response is "and also with you."

***GLORIA**

"Glory to God"

Traditional Peruvian

The Pastor will sing the call and the congregation is invited to join in the response.

Glory to God! Glory to God!

Glo-ry in the high-est! *(response)*

To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! *(response)*

Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! *(response) 3x*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ORDER FOR THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES⁺

PASTOR: You do not only read these words on your own.
You also come to God's Word in the context of a community.

ALL: We hope that as you read the Bible,
you will bring not only your faith
but also your questions and your doubts
to Community Protestant Church
to find a loving, supporting, listening,
and teaching community.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

PASTOR: As you read the Word in the family of God,
you also read it as a part of your earthly family.

FAMILY: We promise to read these words with you,
to listen to your questions,
to share our ideas,
and be honest about our doubts.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

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PASTOR: Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all,
and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.

YOUTH: **We receive these Bibles
with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.
With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will read with curiosity,
listen with openness, and ask questions in trust.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle reading**Philippians 2:1-13** Page 186
Paul seems to be quoting from an early Christian hymn. It is a powerful, poetic depiction of the greatness of Christ, the high calling of those who are “in Christ.”

Gospel reading.....**Matthew 21:23-32**.....Page 22
First is a debate between Jesus and the chief priests and elders regarding Jesus’ authority. Then Jesus tells a parable of two sons.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children of all ages are welcome to come, with or without a parent, to the front of the church to join in a time of learning and prayer especially for kids.

SERMON

Rev. Alex Moložaiy

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus a New Commandment Has Given Us”..... **389** (v. 1-4, 7-10)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Anyone who wishes may share the name of a person or group in need of prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER

A MOMENT FOR MISSION

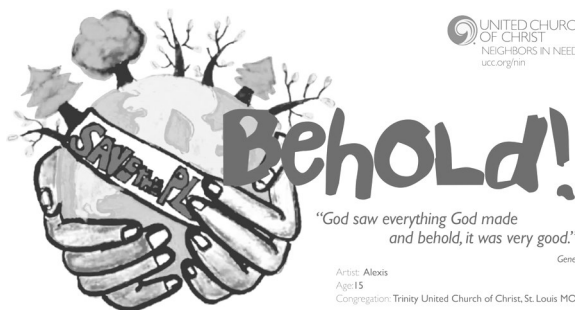
Neighbors in Need

Lorraine Kocian, Mission & Outreach Board

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"



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"God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good."

Genesis 1:31

Artist: Alexis

Age: 15

Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

WE ARE INVITED TO SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

LEADER: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to God.

LEADER: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

LEADER: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...
...with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please use "sins" and "those who sin against us."

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Please hold the bread and cup until all are served so that we may partake together.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow: Praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Gracious God, we offer our thanks,
for the whole communion of saints’ witness to this feast,
and for the ministry of churches around the world
who gather with us today.
By this broken bread
may we each be restored for the work yet to come.
By this shared cup
may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom.
At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise,
children of your word, dying and made new again,
sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace.
Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Sheaves of Summer” 338

***BLESSING AND SENDING**

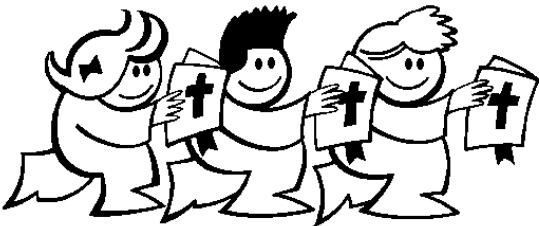
***POSTLUDE**

“Bind Us Together”

You may exit the sanctuary at your leisure after the candles are extinguished and the acolyte has returned up the main aisle. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



** Bible Presentation Liturgy written by Rev. Heather Prince Doss. Used with permission.*



De colores
(Sing of Colors)

402

Mexican folk song
Transl. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995

1. Sing of col-ors, sing of col-ors that o-ver the hills in pro-fu-sion are
spring-ing;
Sing of col-ors of the birds that fly out-side my win-dow their
can-ti-cles sing-ing;
Sing of col-ors, in the rain-bow's bright col-ors God's prom-ise of
hope we re-call;
Sing of col-ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God
who cre-at-ed us all.
Sing of col-ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God
who cre-at-ed us all.
2. Sing, re-joic-ing! Ev-ery crea-ture that breathes raise a song to the
God of cre-a-tion.
Sing, re-joic-ing! Sing to God who so ear-nest-ly cares, who has
of-fered sal-va-tion.

Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Sav-ior re-flect-ing the
col-ors of all.
Man-y col-ors that shine from God's face, man-y col-ors that tell us
God's love to re-call.
Man-y col-ors that shine from God's face, man-y col-ors that tell us
God's love to re-call.

Refrain:

Je-sus a new com-mand-ment has giv-en us:
that we should love each oth-er just as our God loves us.

1. The clear sign of all true Chris-tians
is the way they love each oth-er.
2. Those who do not love their neigh-bors
do not tru-ly love their Sav-ior.

Refrain:

3. Christ, the Light, the Truth, and true Life,
bids us share our love and par-don.
4. Let us all for-give each oth-er
as by God we are com-mand-ed.

Refrain:

7. In true char-i-ty and lov-ing,
God is pres-ent here a-mong us.
8. Let us come to Je-sus' ta-ble
with our love for one an-oth-er.

Refrain:

9. Glo-ry be to the Cre-a-tor;
glo-ry be to Christ, our Sav-ior;
10. Glo-ry be to God, the Spir-it,
Ho-ly Trin-i-ty for-ev-er.

Refrain:

1. Sheaves of sum-mer turned gold-en by the sun,
grapes in bunch-es cut down when ripe and red,
Are con-vert-ed in-to the bread and wine of God's love
in the bod-y and blood of our dear Lord.
2. We are shar-ing the same com-mu-nion meal;
we are wheat by the same great Sow-er sown;
Like a mill-stone life grinds us down with sor-row and pain,
but God makes us new peo-ple bound by love.
3. Like the grains which be-come one same whole loaf,
like the notes that are wo-ven in-to song,
Like the drop-lets of wa-ter that are blend-ed in the sea,
we, as Chris-tians, one bod-y shall be-come.
4. At God's ta-ble to-geth-er we shall sit.
As God's chil-dren, Christ's bod-y we will share.
One same hope we will sing to-geth-er as we walk a-long.
Broth-ers, sis-ters, in life, in love, we'll be.

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LAST WEEK’S IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Sunday 9:30am.....40

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY:

☼ Terri Frice, in honor of her father George Welborn’s birthday

LAUGHING IN CHURCH...



THE CHURCH WEEK AT A GLANCE

Live links to the Zoom meetings listed are available on our website at communityprotestant.org/calendar

Today, October 1st, 2023

8:00 am	Adult Ed	Zoom #847 566 4000
9:30 am	Sunday School	201
9:30 am	Worship	Live or Online via Website or Facebook
10:30 am	Fellowship	101
11:30 am	Jubilee Church Worship	201

Monday, October 2nd, 2023

6:00 am	Jubilee Prayer Meeting	201
7:00 pm	Mission Board	Zoom #8475664000

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023

6:00 am	Jubilee Prayer Meeting	201
8:00 am	Woodcarvers Club	103
7:00 pm	Deacons	Zoom #8475664000

Wednesday, October 4th, 2023

6:00 am	Jubilee Prayer Meeting	201
10:30 am	Moderators' Breakfast Dorothy Janda's birthday	Mauri's

Thursday, October 5th, 2023

6:00 am	Jubilee Prayer Meeting	201
6:30 pm	Lake County Camera Club	101

Friday, October 6th, 2023

6:00 am	Jubilee Prayer Meeting	201
8:00 pm	Jubilee Worship	201

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

	Nothing scheduled	
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Next Sunday, October 8th, 2023

8:00 am	Adult Ed	Zoom #847 566 4000
9:30 am	Worship	Live or Online via Website or Facebook
10:30 am	Fellowship	101
11:30 am	Jubilee Church Worship Carole Edmark's birthday	201

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



A dollar or two can go a long way. . . Please give to the **Shepherd's Fund** collection today. With your help, this fund makes it possible to assist people who seek our church's aid in times of crisis. **God is glorified through your generous sharing!**



Sunday School for Kids resumes TODAY, and will follow our regular schedule on the first and third Sundays of the month. Everyone will again start in worship and then go to class after time with Pastor Alex. **We will be having 2 classes this year: Disciples** (3 year olds-3rd grade) and **Apostles** (4th-7th grade).

We will be presenting Bibles in worship to those who have not yet received one. Disciples will receive Spark Story Bibles and Apostles will receive Spark NRSV Bibles.



Please join **Dorcas** for our meeting on Thursday, October 12 at 1 pm. Deanne Moore is our hostess for the afternoon. Agenda items: upcoming meetings, Christmas donations to local charities, deliveries for both Christmas and Valentine's Day, and chairs for the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the conversation and friendship, plus a delicious treat.



The Mission and Outreach Board of CPC has established a **SPECIAL OFFERING** with proceeds going toward the construction of an **ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND at Kracklauer Park**. Because we believe strongly in building a diverse community that is open and accepting of all God's children, we will **MATCH** all contributions we receive through November 30, 2023 up to a total church commitment of \$3,000.



To donate: Drop an envelope or check in the offering plate with "playground" in the memo line or give online at: tiny.cc/mundyplayground

Thanks for your consideration and support of this worthwhile effort! We're off to a good start! **Donations to date are \$399.53**



Thank you to all who donated to the United Church of Christ's **Hawaiian Wildfire Relief** effort.

Donations received by CPC totaled \$957.22. With the 1-to-1 match provided by the Mission Board, CPC will be sending a check for **over \$1900** to aid in the disaster recovery. Well done!



Fremont Township Food Pantry Needs— taco shells, taco seasoning, sloppy joe sauce, pancake syrup, soup, jello/pudding, spaghetti sauce, cornbread mix, juice, coffee, hot cocoa, toilet cleaner, body wash, laundry detergent, razors, bathroom shampoo/conditioner, bathroom cleaners, lotion, and mouthwash. Thank you for your generosity!

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Nikolas Arden.....	Friend of John Popowitch.....	Health Concern
Vicki Brouwer.....	Sister In-Law of Wanda Knautz.....	Health Concern
Milly Clark.....	Church Member.....	Grief Concern
Rick Clymer.....	Church Member.....	Health Concern
Robert Collins.....	Friend of Milly Clark.....	Health Concern
Joyce Dasher.....	Cousin of Milly Clark.....	Health Concern
Kevon Davis.....	Son of Lanika Baldwin.....	Health Concern
Rhonda Davis.....	Sister of Debbie Kious.....	Health Concern
Mary Jane Denison.....	Church Member.....	Health Concern
Judy Helge.....	Church Member.....	Health Concern
Brenda Koch.....	Aunt of Jen Popowitch.....	Health Concern
Noah Kublank.....	Grandson of Lynn Kublank.....	Health Concern
Ginny Olson.....	Friend of Wanda Knautz.....	Health Concern
Venessa Poland.....	Niece of Patt Clymer.....	Health Concern
Luis S.....	Friend of Dom Adams.....	Family Concern
Drenda Saylor & Family.....	Church Member.....	Health Concern
Cathy Schmitt.....	Mother of Jen Popowitch.....	Health Concern
Arlene Semple.....	Church Member.....	Health Concern
Bill Smith.....	Brother In-Law of Barbara Pergander.....	Health Concern
Bo Tisch.....	Church Member.....	Health Concern
Virginia Verdoe.....	Sister of Sherri Gallagher.....	Health Concern

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Joan Clendening.....	301 S. Hunt Club Rd. Apt 202, Gurnee, IL 60031 224-944-6396
Mary Jane Denison.....	10 Hawthorn Pkwy #3008, Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1437 224-566-0156
Judy Helge.....	10 Hawthorn Pkwy #2004, Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1437 847-566-8894
Dorothy Janda.....	97 W Phillip Rd #402 Vernon Hills 60061
Doris Nehmer.....	180 W Half Day Rd #208 Buffalo Grove IL 60089-6522

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Exodus 17:1-7

GOD'S SUSTAINING PRESENCE

...I would like to beg you dear Sir, as well as I can, to have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language. Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.

Rainer Maria Rilke, 1903, in, "Letters to a Young Poet".

Today's Bible story, as God's people wander in the wilderness and begin to be disgruntled and fractious, is packed full of questions.

Moses first asks, "Why do you quarrel with me?" and immediately after, "Why do you test the Lord?"

The people chorus back with a question of their own, asking, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us and our livestock and our children with thirst?"

Finally, Moses, fearful he will be killed, pleads to God, "What shall I do with the people?"

In the end, the area where they are wandering brings up so many questions that they decide to name the place after the question they all keep asking, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

A century and a couple of decades ago, the poet Rilke urged his young correspondent to "live the questions." Moses and his people certainly lived the questions in this story. But are they the kind of questions that deepen relationships or cause more alienation?

Are we willing to ask questions of God, of our leaders, and of each other that draw us into better conversations? And what would it mean to consider the questions on our minds, rather than just ask them? What would it mean to sit with the questions over time? How might the questions deepen and enrich our faith? What questions strengthen and empower our faith communities? Which questions encourage and support community leaders? Which questions are worth living? Can we begin asking those questions, here and now?