



## Fall Is in the Air!

There are pumpkins, squash, and apples at the market and pumpkin spice lattes and pies abound as we enter into October this year, but the weather feels like I need to be going to the beach, not on a hayride!

In Ecclesiastes we read:

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

It's easy to worry about our world and the climate, but we are to persevere and continue to do all the good we can with the time and in the time God has gifted to us.

It is inconvenient to think that we cannot continue doing the same thing but God created the heavens and the earth. Perhaps we can do little things like reducing carbon emissions, or use less plastic bottles, and do our best to recycle. The other day when I put my recycling in the bin... I noticed, sadly, that someone threw in regular trash. It would be easy to throw my hands up and just give up on recycling, because there are other people who don't pay attention or forget, but this reminded me of *Galatians 6:9*.

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

Someone doing the wrong thing does not give us, as Christians, permission to do wrong with them. As my mom used to say. "If your friend jumps in the lake will you jump in after them?"

It is so important that in our walk with God, we do what is pleasing in God's sight, not in our own. Let's be good stewards of our homes, our resources, and our planet. Before looking at what others should do, let's do our part to be good stewards of all our blessings. Help others as we are able, use our resources and time to God's glory, and keep ourselves from doing anything that will cause harm. Trying to discern or foretell future events as well as worrying about them is to not trust God.

When we put our trust in God and delight ourselves in the Lord, we are saying, "Lord I trust you. I trust you to know what I have need of". Therefore I pray, Lord may we all patiently trust in you, delight ourselves in your Holy Word, and have every confidence that you will guide our path, and lead us into your will for our lives.

*Fear Not, "In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5)*

*Pastor Jessica*



**November 3**

**5-8 p.m.**

**YOUR HELP**

**IS NEEDED!**

*Plans are under way for Trinity's Holiday Bazaar and your help is needed to prepare for the event as well as on bazaar day. We will need helpers with grilling hot dogs, manning the tables, and welcoming the community.*

**AND... since the bazaar is on the first floor - no one has to do steps!**

*We are famous for our Baked Goods! So whether it is a cake, cookies a pie, or brownies let Barb Query know what you would be willing to contribute.*

*Sally DeJesus and her group are busy working on creating a variety of handmade craft items that will be appropriate for the holidays as well as year 'round. If you can lend you talent , get in touch with Sally.*

*The Silent Auction is a bazaar tradition and will feature a variety of items that appeal* (cont. p. 2)

## Holiday Bazaar (cont.)

to all ages and possible gifts for Christmas. Examples are: jewelry, antiques, gift items, toys, a dinner, a card party, and collectibles. For more information or to make a contribution to the auction, talk to Carol Hollich (838-2812).



Whether or not you can volunteer time for preparation or on bazaar day, please support Trinity with your attendance or contribution to this annual fun event!

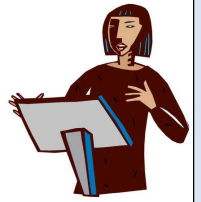
## Assisting in Worship this month...

### Date

October 1  
October 8  
October 15  
October 22  
October 29

### Liturgist

Barb Query  
Dea Kishpaugh  
Laity Sunday  
Gloria Clark  
Karen Neblock



(If you are unable to serve as the liturgist, please call 717-838-2812.)

## At the Keyboard This fall



As we continue the process of selecting an organist/pianist for Trinity, we are blessed to have guest musicians with us. Please be sure to introduce yourselves and make these accompanists feel welcome at Trinity. Our list of guest organists includes Carol Hollich, Matilda Phillipy, Connie Steinke, Denise Weaver, and Darrel Woomer.

## Much Appreciated...



Dear Congregation & friends

of Trinity United Methodist Church,  
It is with deep remiss that I apologize for not expressing my overwhelming thanks for the wonderful reception you planned for me on my last Sunday as your organist on the last Sunday in June. Please forgive me for my lack of timelessness in expressing my thanks. I was completely overwhelmed with the remembrances and love you have shown me as a church and individuals. It hardly seems like 16 years that I served your church. I truly felt a part of the "Trinity family": the bazaars, choir camps, spaghetti dinners, & many more activities. I will try very hard to begin sending individual thank you cards and hopefully you will not receive them in your Christmas cards!

With many blessings and love,  
Caroline Jacobs



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
October 8  
October 9  
October 17  
October 22  
October 31

October 1  
Carol Yeagley  
October 3  
Alisha Geist  
October 6  
Jessica Ross  
Henry Emrich  
Donna Mease  
John Carter  
Phyllis Carter  
Mike Query

## Prayer for a safe trip

Lord I go with you, I am safe with you.  
I do not travel alone,  
For your hand is upon me,  
Your protection is divine.  
Besides, in front and behind  
You encircle my life,  
For I am yours, and you are mine.

www.lords-prayer-words.com



## We say goodbye...

We wish Carol Yeagley and Gail and Henry Emrich a safe trip to their new home in Florida. Carol has been such a faithful choir member and could sing soprano, alto, tenor, or whatever was needed at the time. They made those wonderful gift baskets to our congregation during COVID, and helped Pastor Jessica at the American House with goodies, drinks, and Henry's guitar music. Henry also played his guitar at the church picnics. They had such positive attitudes and helped others live their faith. We will miss them very much!!



*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



<i>The Baron family</i>	<i>Jason Boyer</i>
<i>Vera Brumbaugh</i>	<i>Jill Brickley</i>
<i>The Brossman family</i>	<i>The Clark Family</i>
<i>Chris Daubert</i>	<i>Joyce Dissinger</i>
<i>Dan Earle</i>	<i>Gail Emerich</i>
<i>The Geist family</i>	<i>Joan Groff</i>
<i>Kim Hollich</i>	<i>The Jacobs family</i>
<i>Tom Leahy</i>	<i>Bob Neblock &amp; family</i>
<i>Beverly Palm</i>	<i>Linda Perini</i>
<i>Alissa Plant</i>	<i>Sydney Rice</i>
<i>Pastor Jessica &amp; family</i>	<i>Don &amp; Bonnie Sherman</i>
<i>Marilyn Smith</i>	<i>The Snavelly family</i>
<i>The Snyder family</i>	<i>Karen Stine</i>
<i>Reba Sterner family</i>	<i>Jack Stouffer</i>
<i>Pat Swartz &amp; family</i>	<i>Joyce Twigg &amp; family</i>
<i>Judith Wentzel</i>	<i>The Wire family</i>
<i>Carol Yeagley</i>	<i>Dave Wease &amp; family</i>
<i>George Wilkins family</i>	<i>Walt &amp; Kathy Zehring</i>

*Our Church, Community, Country, and World  
Families & recovering victims of violence  
Issues surrounding the Ukraine  
All who are sick & shut in & their caretakers  
An end to war, hatred, divisiveness, & oppression  
All those devastated by disasters  
in our Country & the World  
Our men and women in uniform  
Our children to know, learn, and grow, in the Lord.*

**A prayer for our sick & shut-in...**

*Lord we pray for all on our prayer list and on our hearts today. We pray for your comfort, your grace, and your healing power.*

*O Lord, heal all our hurts, calm all our fears, and help us to be all we can be for you, O God most High. May your peace infuse every heart, situation, and affliction in need of your divine healing, amazing grace, abundant mercy, and steadfast love. In Jesus Name We Pray. Amen*

*Pastor Jessica*

**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**



The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the **world**. Special monies collected on this Sunday support the World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. If you are planning to worship in person, you can place your gift on the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary. If you are on Zoom, mark your gift "World Communion Sunday" and send it to the church. Either way you choose, the focus is on the Spirit's role in shaping us, changing us, and making us into the people God intends for us to be.



**A Prayer for October  
Finding God's Purpose in All Things**

*Father, the tasks of this life are so manifold and complex that I can lose the big picture in the details of daily living. Teach me to see with increasing clarity that it is in these details that I am called to trust and obey You. I may be confused about Your ways and timing in my journey, but Your Word tells me that You are working all things together for good to those who love You and are called according to Your purpose. I ask for the grace to see You in all things and to live in the simplicity of willing one thing above all else. May I will to do Your will, love the things You love, and hope in the things You promise. May I have the wisdom to do the right things in the right times and in the right ways. I want to honor You in the many small opportunities of this day and live well before You.*

*Kenneth Boa, Transforming Prayers  
Atlanta, GA: Trinity House Publishers, Inc., 2009*



## Sunday Bible Studies in October



Our October lessons continue the theme of **God's Law Is Love** and are entitled **Faith Triumphs, Law Fails**. The commandments are prescribed as rules of life. When we love, we have found the true spirit of the holy law. Paul sums it all up in love and those who have received the love of Christ, need to see the law not as a stern, condemning taskmaster but as an appealing, bright vision of understanding and blessing. Through faith in Jesus, a person becomes a child of God and receives God's love. Our weekly topics this month include...

**October 1**

**Inward and Outward**

**Romans 2:12–24, 28–29**

**October 8**

**Old and New**

**Romans 7:1–12**

**October 15**

**Works and Faith**

**Galatians 2:11–21**

**October 22**

**Spirit and Flesh**

**Galatians 3:1–14**

**October 29**

**Freedom as an Heir**

**Galatians 3:23–4:7**

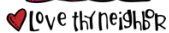
A debt is something we owe to someone because we have gotten something from them... but in God's world the debt of love is not like that! We don't owe someone love based on the love they have shown us. We show love and forgiveness to others based on the love God has shown to us. Our debt is owed to him, but he asks us to pay it to those around us. We can never repay the incredible love he has lavished on each of us-- but he doesn't ask us for repayment! What he asks of us is to **"Pay It Forward"**.



Among the notable things that characterized the life of Jesus was His everlasting determination to practice genuine love toward those who crossed His pathway. If we want to be true followers of Jesus, we too must see life as an opportunity to love, and we must see people as those to whom we have the opportunity of demonstrating genuine Christian love. It's the strongest emotion that a person can feel, and the New Testament contains many admonitions to love God and others. Jesus says, **"Bless those that curse you; do good to those that hate you; and pray for them that persecute you."**



When COVID-19 hit, Stevie Dembro's restaurant business disappeared overnight. He had an excess amount of food left in his freezer, so he chose to make the best out of a tight situation. He started a program called **"Feed Your Neighbor"** where people could pay \$5 to order a meal for themselves or for others. *"I come from the inner-city projects. I know what it is like to not have a meal."* Dembro explained. *"To have something like this happen... this is a tough situation for everybody."*



Six weeks later, Dembro's café had a whole wall with over 100 donated meal tickets for people to walk in and grab for a free dinner. People walked in and bought multiple meals for others to use later; one anonymous donor gave \$500. Dembro was overwhelmed with the support and needed to hire more people to help with donations as a good chunk of the meals were going to shelters, churches, and neighbors in need.

The message of Jesus is that we win over those who oppose us more easily with love than with hatred. Never lose sight of the importance of loving even during times of chaos. Sending a little love to your neighbor goes a long way. When we sow seeds of joy, we reap a crop of happiness. But when we sow seeds of discontent, we reap a bounty of unhappiness. Join us in October as we discuss, **Faith Triumphs, Law Fails!**

### October 1

1. Where are the "requirements of the law" written? (stones, minds, hearts) Romans 2:15
2. Circumcision of the \_\_\_\_\_ is what defines who is a "Jew." Romans 2:29

### October 8

1. People have been released from the law in order to serve in the "new way of the Spirit." T/F Romans 7:6
2. Paul was "deceived" by what? (sin, people, angels) Romans 7:11

### October 15

1. People are justified by faith and by their works of the law. T/F Galatians 2:16
2. Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ "with Christ." Galatians 2:20

### October 22

1. Paul accused the Galatians of having been "bewitched." T/F Galatians 3:1
2. Christ redeemed us from the law by becoming "a \_\_\_\_\_ for us." Galatians 3:13

### October 29

1. Because faith has come, "we are no longer under a \_\_\_\_\_." Galatians 3:25
2. God sent his Son so that we might receive adoption. T/F Galatians 4:5



## **Upcoming Events**



**Tuesdays in October at 1:30** Choir Practice - all are welcome!

### **Wednesdays in October**

**at 6:30** – Pastor Jessica’s study of Revelation via Zoom (**Zoom**)

**Thursdays in October at 10:30** – Rick’s Bible Study - call 717-418-1963 to be included in this weekly Zoom Bible Study

**October 1** - World Wide Communion - *Special music by Brenda Swartz. (Article - Page 3)*

**October 4** – Staff Parish Meeting - 7:00 (**Zoom**)

**October 5** – Worship Team Meeting - 7:00 (**Zoom**)

**October 9** – Ad Board Meeting - 7:00 (**Zoom**)

**October 11** – Munchin’ Methodists at Cornwall Manor

**October 15** - Laity Sunday (*Article - Page 6*)

**October 15** – Worship service at American House at 2:30 (*volunteers needed*)

**October 18** – Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends (*Article on this page*)

**October 26** – Trinity at Willow Terrace - 6:00

**October 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Serving (*helpers needed*)

**November 3 – 5-8** – Holiday Bazaar (*Article - Page 1*)

**November 18 – 11:00 a.m.** - Charge Conference at Good Shepherd UMC – Congregation is invited to attend.



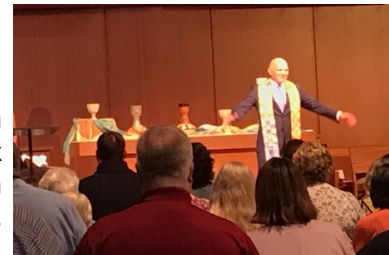
## **Our Deepest Sympathy**

We are sad to share that Rev. Charles Bartoletti, Trinity's Pastor from 1987-1991 passed away on August 8, 2023 at the age of 92 following a short illness. He walked his daily 2 miles the day before he entered

the ER! Scott, Anne and Debbie with husband Dale and three grandchildren and two spouses were at his bedside. We celebrate his long, vigorous life and all the love that he shared with us. Condolences and cards can be sent to

Debbie Van Aken  
46 Bowmans Drive  
West New Hope, PA 18938

## **Vision Renewed: EPA Passes 2024 Budget**



Like the blind man at Bethsaida whose eyes Jesus opened in Mark 8:22-25, the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference got a second, clearer look at the proposed 2024

budget resolution during its Special Session on September 9, and that second look led to a nearly unanimous vote of approval.

Just under 400 members that included Pastor Jessica, and Carol and George Hollich attended the session at Lititz United Methodist Church to act on several resolutions—including the 2024 budget—that were not voted on at the regular conference session in May.

Among other business items, 3 resolutions were ruled out of order, with consent by the body. Conference members approved a resolution that endorses efforts to restructure the denomination into regions, including a U.S. Regional Conference.

With echoes of Bishop John Schol’s sermonette on the need for vision adjustments and divine guidance, EPAC’s Special Session stands testament to the commitment and resilience of a connectional body navigating change while retaining a faith-driven vision for the future.



## **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends...**

On Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> Boscov’s will hold its *Friends Helping Friends* event. Everyone who purchases a \$5 pass from Trinity gets a 25% discount shopping pass to use on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Trinity

gets to use for missions & other projects the entire \$5 from each pass purchased! Sally DeJesus has again agreed to coordinate this great fund-raising project. To get your pass and multiple passes for your family, friends... contact Deb Forry in the Church Office or Sally (717-383-3648 or email: [SDEJ54@gmail.com](mailto:SDEJ54@gmail.com)).

## LAITY SUNDAY

ALL THE WORLD NEEDS OUR

# Witness

LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday is a time to reflect on the ministry of the laity and realizing that without the servant leadership of the people in the pews from the very beginning, we would not be The United Methodist Church in the present. The churches in Eastern PA and Greater New Jersey are celebrating this special Sunday with the theme "All the World Needs Our Witness."

Drawn from Acts 8:26-40, the theme recalls how the Holy Spirit sent the apostle Philip the Evangelist to witness about Jesus Christ to an Ethiopian official returning home from Jerusalem. We can presume that the new convert, once baptized by Philip, went forth to share that same witness with others in North Africa and beyond.

The love of Jesus Christ is a gift we are called to share with the world. As we listen for and follow where the Holy Spirit leads us, we witness his love through our words and actions. Laity Sunday is a perfect time to celebrate our lay ministries of praying and participating in worship, leading church and community meetings and activities, visiting homebound members and neighbors, caring for church facilities and furnishings, preparing meals and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is because of the clergy and laity partnership in ministry that the United Methodist Church will continue to lift high the cross, reaching out in ministry to the whole world. Our Lay Leader, George Hollich, will lead the service and be asking others to help during the service. Please say "yes" if asked to help.

### Church Picnic



### TRINITY'S ANNUAL PICNIC

We thank everyone who helped with the church picnic on September 24th. Although the weather outside was *frightful* our Church Picnic inside was *delightful*! And a wonderful time was had by all!

An inspirational worship service led Pastor Jessica, Liturgist Dea Kishpaugh, and song leader, Carol Hollich was followed by a marvelous covered dish picnic. The picnic featured Dave's Hot Dogs and Dean's barbecue. We appreciated all the food donations to keep the costs down and the variety of desserts for the cake walk! Barb Querry's and Sally's games were a lot of fun... but the best part was the first sit-down fellowship meal at the church that we have had with each other outside of our regular weekly worship. Thanks to Sally DeJesus and Carol Hollich for the planning of this event and the Walleys, Kishpaughs, and Querrys for setting up and cleaning up.





(Thoughts to consider in the upcoming week.)

**Study Text: Romans 2:1–29**

**KEY VERSE:** *No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.—Romans 2:29*



## Heart Surgery

A dear woman in a church where I ministered went into the hospital for heart surgery.

When I made a post-surgical visit, I was surprised when her husband told me the surgeon had replaced a defective valve in her heart with a valve from a pig's heart. This use of a "porcine valve" in a human heart has now been practiced for over thirty years. It is known as "receiving xenographic tissue," meaning from a non-human source. Once rare and dangerous, various types of heart surgery are now common. Included are "minimally invasive" or "keyhole" procedures, where small incisions are made and repairs involve tiny cameras and robot-assisted tools. The ultimate heart surgery is the heart transplant. In Paul's day, the necessity of the heart for human survival was recognized, but surgical repairs to a heart were unknown. It is ironic, then, that Paul unknowingly anticipated some of the wonders of modern medicine when he wrote of a spiritual heart surgery, what he calls the "circumcision of the heart." This lesson explores what Paul means by this curious choice of words.

## Categorize Yourself?

I heard a flight attendant voice the following during the COVID-19 pandemic: ***You must wear a mask while on this flight, covering both your nose and mouth. If you do not intend to do this, please let us know now so that we can remove you from the plane. You will be free to make other arrangements to reach your destination. But be forewarned: you will not be allowed on any commercial airline in this country.*** Such a stern warning resulted from insults and even assaults on flight attendants by opponents of mandatory masking. Rather than obey government rules on health and safety, some people believed that their personal rights allowed them to make their own rules. Jews in Paul's days prided themselves for having a comprehensive set of rules (laws) that guided behavior. They believed that keeping these rules made them righteous and better than the Gentiles who did not have Jewish law. Yet Paul affirmed that neither Jews with the Law of Moses nor the Gentiles without that law were truly righteous. All were sinners, even if they denied it. What category are you in? Are you a proud rule-breaker, one who believes in personal sovereignty? If so, read Romans 11:17–21; 13:1–5. Or are you one who keeps the rules and feels smugly superior in that regard? If so, read Romans 3:9–20 and James 2:10. Do you sincerely believe that neither group is righteous apart from faith in Jesus Christ?

## To See Ourselves as Others See Us

Denial and unawareness are part of the very definition of spiritual blindness. That's because if the one who was spiritually blind could and would admit to it, then he or she would correct the situation and wouldn't be spiritually blind! At one time, Paul needed to be struck physically blind in order to have his spiritual blindness corrected. That correction qualified him to recognize spiritual blindness in his fellow Jews who saw themselves as spiritual guides yet suffered from spiritual blindness themselves. Many people today suffer from spiritual blindness, unable to see Jesus for who he really is. They need our help! But that help won't be effective unless we first correct our own areas of spiritual blindness. And *that* correction won't happen until a spiritually mature person makes us aware of our deficiencies in this regard. Whom will you invite to be your spiritual mentor?

- 1. Knowing that the Old Testament law cannot bring salvation, what value can Christians experience from studying it?**
- 2. What role does conscience play in following the Spirit's leading?**
- 3. When you consider today's world, what do you feel is the greatest sin problem "out there"?**



## Inward and Outward

*Lesson 5, Romans 2:12-24, 28-29, NIV*

### Right and Wrong Around the World

Work with a partner to draw lines matching each of the following beliefs with the religion that teaches it. Some beliefs may be taught in more than one religion.

<b>Buddhism</b>	1. Murder is wrong.
<b>Christianity</b>	2. Children should obey their parents.
<b>Hinduism</b>	3. Stealing is wrong.
<b>Islam</b>	4. It is right to offer devotion to a divinity.
<b>Judaism</b>	5. It is good to study religious texts.
	6. Human life does not end at death.
	7. There will be rewards and punishments in the next life.
	8. We should pray and/or meditate.

What differences are there between the philosophical teachings of a religion and how those teachings are implemented by its followers in real life?

### Repaired with Gold

Kintsugi is a Japanese artform that involves repairing broken pottery pieces with gold. The idea is that, in both art and life, we can create something strong and beautiful by displaying our flaws rather than hiding them.

Write on the cracked dish some examples of your flaws that God is in the process of beautifully repairing. If you'd like, share them with a friend as a celebration of what God can do.



## Trinity United Methodist Church

Where "Faith, Hope and Love abide to encourage all to respond to the call of Christ."

### World Communion Sunday – October 1, 2023

(The service begins at 9:15 with the fellowship area opening at 9:00. )

To be a part of worship on the computer go to... <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89401815675>  
or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 894 0181 5675 when prompted.)

*The flowers in the sanctuary are presented by Roxanne Miller in honor of the Choir.*

### Gathering Music

**Prelude**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness - Runyan*      *Brenda Swartz & Carol Hollich*

**Welcome & Announcements**      *Liturgist: Barb Query*

**Call to Worship**      *Psalm 78: (1-4, 9-16)*      *UMH 799*

L: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

P: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

L: things that we have heard and known, that our forebears have told us.

P: **We will not hide them from their children; but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, the might, and wonders God has wrought.**

L: The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle.

P: **They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to God's law.**

L: They forgot the deeds of the Lord, the miracles that God had shown them.

P: **The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears, in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.**

L: The Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

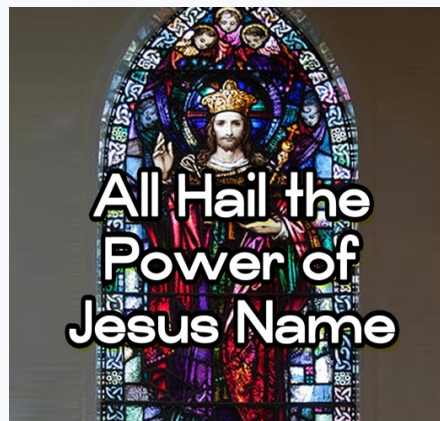
P: **led them with a cloud in the daytime, and all the night with a fiery light,**

L: cleft rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,

P: **made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

**\*Hymn #154**      *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all,  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.  
O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall,  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!



UMH 556

### Litany for Christian Unity

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

**Listen to us, O Lord.**

Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with his gifts along the way to full unity.

**Listen to us, O Lord.**

Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

**Listen to us, O Lord.**

Let us pray. We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The World Methodist Social Affirmation

UMH 886

Old Testament

*Exodus 17: 1-7*

*Bible O.T. pg.64*

Gospel Reading

*Matthew 21: 23-32*

*Bible N.T. pg. 23*

Special Music

*Fairest Lord Jesus – Arr. J.Raney Brenda Swartz & Carol Hollich*

## Doxology & Celebration of Gifts

### Hymn #348 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*



Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See on the portals, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me!

**Refrain:** Come home! come home, you who are weary, come home!

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me? *(Refrain)*

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;

Shadows are gathering, death-beds are coming, coming for you and for me! *(Refrain)*

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me! *(Refrain)*

Sermon

*Trying Patience*

*Pastor Jessica Ross*

## Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

## Holy Communion

UMH # 12

### Hymn # 395 *Take Time to be Holy*

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.  
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.



## Benediction

Benediction Response

*Three-Fold Amen*

Postlude

*Come Thou Fount – Arr. J. Raney Brenda Swartz & Carol Hollich*



*Inward and Outward*

*Romans 2: 12-24, 28-29*