

**Holy Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 25, 2022**

**REFLECTION:** “When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.” – Psalm 91:15

**PRELUDE:** 1. “Diapason Movement” – John Keeble  
2. “Ebenezer” – John Behnke  
3. “Ebenezer” – Paul Manz

**Welcome**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come and worship!

**People: We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

Leader: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

**People: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.**

Leader: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**People: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Leader: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**People: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: “God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”**  
#108

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

**\*ACT OF PRAISE: “Blessed Be the Name”** #63

**Blessed be the Name! Blessed Be the Name!  
Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!  
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Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!**

**The Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with your spirit.**  
(The people pass the peace)

**Children’s Time**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** Old Testament Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**ANTHEM: “Sanctus”** – The Iona Community of Scotland  
Melissa Scheirey, handbells

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY: “Interlude”** – Gilbert Martin

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #94

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** God of justice and mercy, we come to worship you this day as ones who, on the great balance scale of your creation, are more like the rich man in the Gospel story than we are Lazarus. The parable Jesus tells reminds us that the chasm between rich and poor is hard to cross in the life to come, but not so for us this day, as we strive to see God’s kingdom at work in our world. As we offer gifts today, may we do so striving to be those blessed to be a blessing. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Ye Servants of God”** #181

**\*Gospel Lesson:** Luke 16:19-31

**MESSAGE: “The Gulf”** Rev. Wissell

**\*Closing Hymn: “The Voice of God is Calling”** #436

**\*BENEDICTION:** As we leave this place, may our eyes be opened to those who lie at our gates. With the love of Christ within us, may we see the hungry and the hurting, the abused and the forgotten. And may we seek to share the blessings we have been given. In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, may we go out and live the Kin-dom. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE: “Voluntary in G”** – Henry Heron

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH PRAYER LIST:** Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Bob Gabrielski, Kris Haboran, Barbara Henning, Kim Henning, Marge McClelland, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Elaine O'Neill and family, Susan Hess, Amy Briggs Kemeza, The Bennett Family, Sarah Pena, Judith Flachbart, Shirley Teague, Christopher Stentiford, Linda Murphy.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Matt at [mjwissell@gmail.com](mailto:mjwissell@gmail.com) or texted to 978-430-2749 (please leave your name as well as your request).

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** If you would like a visit from Pastor Matt, please notify him at [mjwissell@gmail.com](mailto:mjwissell@gmail.com) or call his cell phone at 978-430-2749. You may also contact the church office at [htumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:htumchurch@gmail.com) or 978-777-7408.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets on Saturday evenings at 7:30pm.

**NORTH SHORE MINISTRY:** Eddie needs size 12 sneakers, always looking for socks, blankets, hoodies, sleeping bags, deodorant, food, toilet paper, hand wipes. Looking ahead- how can we help people find a warm place to be this winter? Help for Thanksgiving and Christmas...See Barbara the organist. Thanks for all your help and support from the needy!

**COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED:** Coffee Hosts are needed to provide refreshments following our Sunday worship service. The supplies are available and the host(s) can provide a baked good or treat. Training can be provided if necessary. Please contact Marsha Trott 351-201-9648 or Brenda Ferris 978-335-1786 if interested.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** We looking for volunteers to participate in the Trunk or Treat we are hosting on 10/2. Please feel free to reach out to Jodi in the office with any questions.

**CHURCH FAIR:** Join us at the fair 10/22 from 9-2! Volunteers are needed. Contact Marsha Trott at [Marsha.Trott@yahoo.com](mailto:Marsha.Trott@yahoo.com) or 351-201-9648 or Linda Ramsdell at 978-777-6383 or [blberamsdell@yahoo.com](mailto:blberamsdell@yahoo.com) or 978-239-3808 if you would like to help!

## EVENTS

### Sunday

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am  
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

### Monday

The Gathering 7pm-8:30pm

### Tuesday

Bible Study 7pm

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

### Wednesday

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the month (off-site)

### Thursday

Choir Rehearsal 7pm

### Friday

### Saturday

AA 7:30pm

### SAVE THE DATES

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trunk or Treat 5pm-7pm

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Church Fair 9am-2pm

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*(an inclusive and reconciling congregation)*

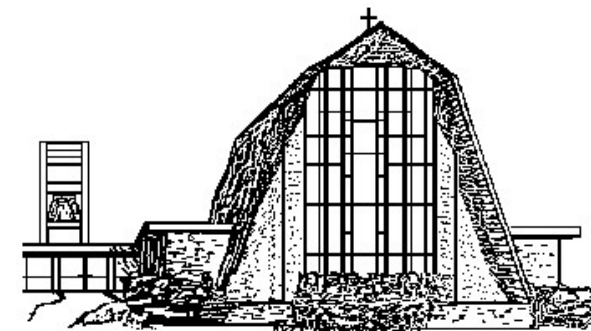
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