

Trinity United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

August 2, 2020

Prelude

Kyrie

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Adam Marquette

Opening Scripture

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Call to Worship

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

Opening Hymn: *O Jesus Christ, My Grateful Hymns*

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Community Prayer

Holy Creator,

we know that You have made us with the call to love You and to love our neighbors. Yet still, we cannot help but live for ourselves, and every day we justify ourselves by our own standards, not Yours. Lord, you have found us in the ditch, and You have rescued us. Soften our hearts to Your will, and make us to love others as You have loved us; especially those who are most in need, whom we pass by every day.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayers & Words of Assurance

Response *Give Me a Clean Heart*

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Give me a clean heart, so I may serve you.

God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.

*For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Passing the Peace of Christ Text someone the "peace of Christ & I love you"

Doxology *(words used at the UCC General Synod 32 in 2019)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Christ all creatures here below

Praise Spirit Living Comforter

Community of Love adored. Amen

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Sermon Love God

Rev. Adam Marquette

Communion Hymn *Jesus Took the Bread*

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Communion

Invitation – Words of Institution – Prayer and Lord’s Prayer – Sharing of bread and Cup

Communion Response

As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community, doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-making lives of faith. We are followers of God’s Way. We give thanks!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

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Benediction Song *I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

Benediction

Postlude *Improvisation on “New Hope”*

Matthew Wachtman

O JESUS CHRIST, MAY GRATEFUL HYMNS

Words: B.G. Webster, Tune: Charterhouse by Evans, c. 1954, 1982 by The Hymn Society,
Music c. Oxford Univ. Press

**O Jesus Christ,
May grateful hymns be rising,
In every city for your love and care;**

**Inspire our worship,
Grant the glad surprising
That your blessed Spirit rouses everywhere.**

**Grant us new courage,
Never proud, but humble,
Strong in your strength to venture and to dare;**

**To lift the fallen,
Guide the ones who stumble,
Seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.**

**Show us your Spirit,
Brooding o'er each city,
As you once wept above Jerusalem,**

**Seeking to gather
All in love and pity,
And healing those who touch your garment's hem.**

JESUS TOOK THE BREAD

Words by Ruth Duck, arr. R. Sensmeier, c. 1982 by GIA, Inc., Tune: New Hope

**Jesus took the bread,
Daily gift of God,
Formed of wheat and sweat and toil,
Sun, rain and sod.**

**In our hands we take
Gifts of bread and wine,
Gathered from the fields of earth,
Signs of love divine.**

**Jesus blessed the bread,
Thanked the God of grace,
Thanked the One who made all worlds,
All time, all space.**

**Blessing, honor, praise,
All to God belong,
Let us lift our hearts to God
In a thankful song.**

**Jesus broke the bread;
Then he poured the wine.
Broken body, life poured out,
God gives as sign.**

**Weak, afraid and lost:
That is when we're healed.
In our human brokenness:
There God is revealed.**

**Jesus gives the bread
At our table still,
Gives the cup to those who seek
God's loving will.**

**Let us go in peace;
Let us freely give,
Sharing love with all the world
Daily as we live.**

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

Words: Matheson, 1882; Tune: St. Margaret by Peace, 1885

**O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in you;**

**I give you back the life I owe,
That in your ocean depths its flow
May swell with ardor true.**

**O Light that follows all my way,
To you I yield my flickering flame;**

**Renew my spirit's feeble ray,
That from your brilliant sunlit day
It may new brightness claim.**

**O Joy that seeks me through my pain,
To you I cannot close my heart;**

**I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And know the promise is not vain
That you will ne'er depart.**

**O cross that raises up my head,
From you I dare not seek to flee;**

**Life's glories wither and are dead,
But from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.**