



Trinitarian Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Order of Service for
September 4, 2022

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

God has set before us life and death. **We long to choose life.**

God has set before us blessings and curses. **We long to choose blessings.**

So we gather this morning around the table - Christ's table.

We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

Let us share the meal together! Let us feast on the Word of God!

Let us worship God with joy!

Hymn

“Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows”

Such perfect love my Shepherd shows, whose goodness fails me never,

Whose hand all things I need bestows and watches me forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my loving Shepherd leads me,

And where the verdant pastures grow with food from heaven feeds me.

When vain and foolish oft I strayed, you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,

And on your shoulder gently laid, then home rejoicing brought me.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Reflection

Hymn

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

Break now the bread of Life, Savior to me, as you once broke the loaves beside the sea;

Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit yearns for you, O living Word.

Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me, as you once blessed the bread by Galilee;

Then shall all bondage cease, all shackles fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Offering & Morning Prayers

Communion

God be with you. **And also with you.**

We lift up our hearts and give thanks to God who meets us where we are. Let us pray:

**Holy and loving God, we offer thanks for this day—for the beauty of the earth,
for your love and care for every creature, for this table that is before us.**

We offer gratitude for the community that surrounds this table, and for the many tables and faces we cannot see that make up this meal. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this marvelous feast. We offer prayers for those without tables to gather around, without food to eat, without beverage to quench their thirst. We are humbled by this reality, and as we prepare to receive this gift of grace, remind us to be gracious with one another. Meet us in our striving, and hear us as we pray the words that Jesus taught us, saying: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn "Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows"

I do not fear death's shadow vale when you are here beside me;
Your rod and staff and strength prevail to comfort and to guide me.
You spread a table in my sight, your gifts of grace bestowing;
And from your chalice I delight to taste your mercy flowing.
And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

Blessing



Please welcome Vicki Duguay - she will be filling in for Ann Sears this fall while Ann is on sabbatical from Wheaton College.

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TCC Prayers and Blessings:

Mal Haskins; Dennis Gunther; Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson; Jim Stewart;
Bill Parker, friend of Marsha & Ted Christensen

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Thank you for joining us today!