



# Trinitarian Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Order of Service for  
August 27, 2023

Prelude "Jesus Call Us, O'er the Tumult" W. H. Jude

Welcome

Reading from the Epistles Romans 12:1-8

Call to Worship (written by Tim Graves)

Out of a world of cut-throat competition, of winners-and-losers,  
and too many left behind, we come together.

**The world's ways are not our ways. The world's ways are not Christ's ways.**

Out of a world of hatred, violence, individualism, and life-taking power,  
we gather as followers of Jesus, as God's people.

**God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all peoples.**

Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits!

Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of divine community!

**Let us worship God!**

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;**

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**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20

Reflection

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Renewing God, we confess that all too often we conform to this world. The voices we prioritize are far removed from you. We drown out your Still Speaking Voice with the noise of consumerism and commercialism. We ignore your gentle nudge in favor of our own desires and comfort. We fail to actively love our neighbor, care for your creation, or even honor ourselves as your divine crafting. We resist transformation through the renewing of our minds and settle for echo chambers of thoughts and ideas that deplete and deprive our souls of abundant life. Forgive us and continually challenge us to be the people you have empowered and equipped us to be.**

Words of Grace

Hymn

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

**Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, calls for songs of endless praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.**

**Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!**

**Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.**

**Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:**

**here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.**

Offering and Morning Prayers

The Prayer of Our Savior

**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 No. 60 vs. 1,2,4

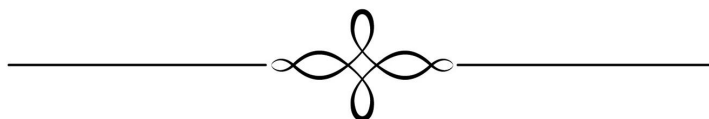
“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

Blessing

Postlude

“Recessional”

Robert J. Hughes



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