



# Trinitarian Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Order of Service for  
September 3, 2023

*Take a moment to pray and let God speak to you!*

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Eternal God, when we search for you, we find you. When we seek you, we find you seeking us. Your presence among us changes our circumstances and our lives. We honor and worship you as an act of devotion and discipleship. Infuse us with your Spirit that our witness and ministry may be a testimony to your everlasting love.**

**Amen.**

Hymn No. 366 vs.1-2

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

(pew bible pg. 1524)

Sermon

Hymn No 288

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Communion

Morning Prayers

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.**

Blessing and Distribution of Bread and Juice

Hymn No. 366 vs.3-5 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Blessing

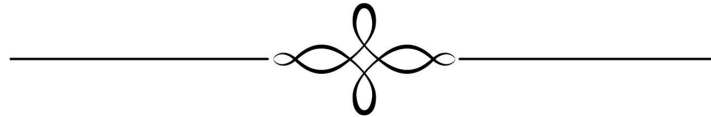
May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go.

Christ walks with us in the newness of life; go forth in confidence.

**We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and forgiveness to others.**

**We are the only scriptures some will read. Jesus will be known by our deeds and our words.**

Amen & Amen!



**Following worship this morning:** please join us in the lobby for an end-of-summer celebration.

**Next Sunday, September 10, worship moves to 10:00 a.m.** And don't miss our Free Fall Kickoff Celebration Pizza Party following worship next Sunday! All welcome!

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**TCC Prayers and Blessings:**

Becky McGrath; Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins;

Dennis Gunther; Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson; Jim Stewart

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**Thank you for joining us today!**