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# Trinity United Methodist Church

October 17, 2021  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## *Gather to Worship*

### Welcome and Announcements

(Welcome! If you are a visitor, please fill out the card in the back of the pew.)

### *We Worship as the Church*

### Chiming of the Trinity

### Prelude

Tim Olsen

### Opening Prayer *(Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and Rev. Susan A. Blain):*

O Wise God

You have come to us in the form of a vulnerable child; You teach us that the last are first and the first, last; You lead us on a Way to new life that leads through death. Truly your wisdom is different than ours! Meet us in this place and teach us your foolish wisdom and your vulnerable power; give us joy to receive it fully and courage to live it foolishly, through Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and Word.

### Hymn of Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Crescendo

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

### Children's Sermon

### Anthem

*Wade in the Water* Crescendo & Brenda Reese

### Gospel Lesson

**Mark 10:17-31**

Pastor:

The Word of God for us, the people of God.

Response:

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*"Sticker Shock for the Soul"*

Rev. Lindsay Collins

**Sermon Series: On the Road with Jesus**

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

We draw false and fleeting comfort from our material things. True comfort comes from God's love for us and by responding with that same love to family, friend, neighbor, and stranger. By God's love we are forgiven. **Let us do likewise. Amen.**

### Congregational Celebrations and Concerns

#### Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts and Ourselves

\*The Doxology

Offertory Prayer *(UM Foundation of Michigan):*

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Sending Forth*

**Hymn**      *Take Up Thy Cross*

**\*Benediction** (*Nathan Nettleton*)

Go now in the confidence of people who have found mercy.  
Follow Jesus, keeping the commandments, letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world, and investing everything in God's realm.

And may God come close to you and keep you safe;  
May Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold;  
and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

**Postlude**

**Tim Olsen**

	<b>Stewardship Report through Sunday, October 10, 2021</b>		
	"Trusting in God's Opportunities."		
	Worship Attendance:	<b>80</b>	in-person
		<b>47</b>	on-line
	Weekly Collection:	<b>\$5,013.00</b>	
Memorials received for:	Ralph Steiger (brother of Ruth Rogers)		

**Serving in Worship Today**

Ushers: Cliff McNeil & Ken Moore  
Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Owen & Holt Hall

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**The Sermon Series: On the Road with Jesus  
continues this week with...**



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