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Trinity United Methodist Church

August 22, 2021
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Back to School Sunday

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

Call to Worship (*Illustrated Ministry*):

ONE: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.

ONE: After months of learning behind screens or separated by dividers and physical space,

ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

ONE: We may still feel uncertain, seeing so many faces again, but we come together seeking God's peace in this beautiful community.

ALL: Let us worship together, united in Christ.

Hymn of Praise

Standing on the Promises

The Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

He Was on the Cross

Ed Tatum

Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Confused" Rev. Lindsay Collins

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.

Children's Time

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer for Teachers & Staff

Eternal God of all knowledge and wisdom,

We pray for these teachers, staff, and administrators

who will have many opportunities to mold students
in the hours and days of this school year.

Help them instill in their students the joy of learning.

Help them have a love like yours for each and every student,
encouragement to find the best in each one,
understanding for those who have special needs,
patience and strength to never give up,
and assurance that you are always with them.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for Students

Loving God,

As Jesus held the children on his knee and blessed them,

we ask that you bless each child who begins this new school year:
for those who go to preschool or kindergarten for the first time,
for those who enter middle school, high school, or college,
for those who return to school to begin a new year.

In your love and mercy, protect them and keep them safe.

Be with them as they face the challenges of the school year,
help them to have self-discipline to do their best,
and to understand the importance of learning.

Help them show respect to their teachers and administrators,
and to be kind to one another.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Gracious God, Give us faith to trust in you, and to teach our children to trust you. Give to the children's teachers enough patience for each day, and help us to support them in their task. Help us encourage our children and understand the challenges and fear of failure that can come with each new year. Help us to have realistic expectations of children that are neither unreachable nor unchallenging. Help us to stand strong against evil and injustice, that we may teach righteousness and justice by our example. Help us to center our lives in Bible study and prayer, that we may teach our children to be guided in your way. Help our children this year to keep on growing... in wisdom, in physical health, in favor with God, and in favor with others. Amen.

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts and Ourselves

Blessing of School Supplies

***The Doxology**

Offertory Prayer (*UMC General Board of Discipleship*):

Lord, bless this offering. Bless these school supplies and the children who will use them. Let these physical gifts be symbols of the love and support we give to the children of our community throughout the year. Help us to look upon every child in our community as one of our own, helping them to grow in character and knowledge. Amen.

Sending Forth

Hymn

Wonderful Words of Life

***Benediction** (*Illustrated Ministry*)

Children, families, and all who love them, go out into the beautiful world that God has made! Go and play! Go and learn! Go and love others! May you be filled with lovingkindness for yourself and everyone around you. May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe, healthy, and full of joy. Amen.

Postlude

Tim Olsen

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	Stewardship Report through Sunday, August 15, 2021	
	"Trusting in God's Opportunities."	
Worship Attendance:	100 in-person	29 on-line
Weekly Collection:	\$5,253.00	
Memorials received for:	Lee Greene	Tom Nelson
	Betty Warwick	

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