



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

■ UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN TRYON ■



Trinity, Kelly Latimore

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

26 May 2024 ❖ 10:00 in the morning

Welcome to this service of worship. Open your heart to the familiar and the new, and may your spirit relax into the peace of God's presence as we share this time together.

For those worshipping in-person: While masks are optional, for the safety of our community and congregation, we urge you to wear a mask if you may have been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing any symptoms, regardless of vaccination status. Please respect those who may wish to social distance.

Live Stream: Please be advised that our service is live streamed. You may appear on camera.

Worship Response Cards & Prayer Requests: Please complete the weekly Worship Response Card on our website or by using your phone to scan the QR code to the right. Paper copies may be found in the back of the sanctuary and placed in the offering plates. Submit prayer requests via the response card or to the Pastor.



Restrooms: Restrooms are located down the hallway, behind the sanctuary.

Children: Children are always welcome to join us in the sanctuary for worship. If you choose to use it, our family worship space is located in the front right of the sanctuary. Our Fellowship Hall and downstairs nursery is also available for parent use. See usher for directions.

Worship is at the center of the life of The Congregational Church, UCC. Please prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Whether you are a long time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to discuss matters of faith or learn more about our church, we invite you to contact our pastor at (828) 859-9414.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

Kindly silence your devices upon entering the Sanctuary

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together to prepare our hearts to worship as the people of God.

MORNING MEDITATION

O Thou Who Made the Heavens - Benjamin Godard

¶ *Please quietly recall the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship as you receive the gift of our prelude music.*

WELCOME & GREETING

¶ *By introducing ourselves and sharing a warm greeting, we express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a welcoming word with those around you.*

†HYMN #9

Come, Thou Almighty King

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Dorothy Kirk, *Liturgist*

We come together carrying today's troubles and today's joy.
We meet the present moment with generosity.

We recognize that this is where we are
but not always where we will be.

We open ourselves and speak plainly about who we are and where we are
in the hopes that we can build communities of honesty, vulnerability and truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are now invited, in the community of God's people, to silently pray in confession before God.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is steadfast in love and hears the prayers of all who come seeking mercy.

**God reaches out to us in Jesus Christ forgiving our sins
and nourishing us for life without limit.**

Friends, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

†THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

¶ Passing of the Peace confers the blessing and peace of God as a spiritual act of unification. Please turn to your neighbors, in the pew next to you, and offer a sign of Christ's reconciling peace with the words "the peace of Christ be with you" and a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).

SUNG RESPONSE #375

Weave

Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.

Listening

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song as we listen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Psalms:

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare,

and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29 (NRSVue)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

¶ *The People stand as the Word is brought among the People to be heard and received.*

†SUNG ACCLAMATION, #296, vs 1 & 2, no refrain

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

**Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O faithful people, God now speaks to you.**

**They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear;
They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.**

†THE SECOND READING

Let us listen for the Word of God.
Our ears are open.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSVue)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

†SUNG ACCLAMATION#296, Sing refrain only x2

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

¶ *The People sit following the acclamation.*

SERMON

Rev. Meghan D. Young

Thank you to those assisting in today's service.

Responding

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer.

GIFT OF MUSIC

The Chancel Choir

Worship Leaders:
Dr. Susan Lyle
Rev. Meghan Young

Many Gifts One Spirit - Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Usher:
Pat Gass

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: JOYS & CONCERNS

Liturgists:
Dorothy Kirk

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Music:
The Chancel Choir

†HYMN, insert

Here I Am Lord

Sound & Video:
Sign-up online or in the narthex.

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Community Hour:
Sign-up online or in the narthex.

THE OFFERTORY

Flowers:
Sign-up for worship leadership positions or to donate flowers, online or in the Narthex.

To contribute, you may put your gift in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary, click on the "Give" tab at ucctryon.org, scan the QR code, or mail in your pledge. Reflect on the blessings you have been given, and how you are called to bless others.



†SONG OF GRATITUDE #46

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

†PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Sending

God blesses us and sends us out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

†HYMN #10

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

†BLESSING

†BLESSING RESPONSE, #291

Danish Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory - Randall Spergeon

Pastor Meghan's door is always open, so please email or call if you would like to schedule a time to meet. Friday is her sabbath day, but she can be reached by cell (860-966-2432) in case of pastoral emergencies.

There will be no community hours this week.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED. NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check eblasts for more information about upcoming gatherings, volunteer opportunities, and ways to participate in community care. Get involved, connect, and enrich your spiritual life and your relationships in the church community.

Monthly Chat with the Governing Board

TODAY, May 12, 2024, Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Join us following Community Hour for our monthly chat with the Governing Board.

Summer Feeding Program (Feed A Kid)

If you haven't already, consider contributing to our annual offering to support this amazing summer feeding ministry that feeds kids and families in Polk County all summer long. You can also sign-up online or in the Fellowship Hall to pack or deliver. The cost of providing fresh produce and vegetables, along with other food for children in our community is \$2000 per week. Any contribution helps.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 28, 12:30-5 PM, Fellowship Hall

Give the gift of life. We're also looking for a volunteer.

Kudzu Clean-Up Workday

Saturday, June 1, 9-11 AM, Back parking lot

Join us as we remove invasives and restore our native woodlands. Bring work gloves and dress appropriately.

Christkindlmarkt Crafts

Saturday, June 1, 4-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a fun night of crafts learning to make items to be sold at the Christmas Market! Let's work together and have fun! If there is interest, we will go out to dinner at Sully's after. Also, we would love to accept donations of old cardstock, birthday, greeting or nice cards or old calendars with nice nature scenes; as well any old maps or nice photographs, and extra fun kid patterned fabric and/or Christmas patterned fabric.

New Member Sunday

There will be an opportunity for folks to join the church during worship on June 2. If you are interested in joining the church, or learning more about our church values and what membership means, please contact Pastor Meghan.

Annual Block Party

Sunday, June 2, 2024 following worship

Join us for a block party. We're inviting the church and neighbors - it's a great Sunday to bring a friend to worship. We'll enjoy the beauty of creation and each other's company outside. There will even be lawn games. We'll have a food truck serving lunch (free for the first 100 people). RSVP not required, but appreciated.

Church Office Hours - Monday & Thursday, 9:30 AM - 2 PM. Tuesday & Wednesday, hours vary.

If you want to drop something off at the church outside of set office hours, or discuss a church matter, please



Looking Ahead This Week

May 12 - May 19, 2024

Sunday, May 26

11:00 am ~ Community Hour

11:30 am ~ Monthly Chat w/Gov. Board

Monday, May 27 - Office Closed

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

12:30 pm ~ Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00 pm ~ LGBTQ+ Support Group

Wednesday, May 29

12:00 pm ~ Online Prayer Group

1:15 pm ~ Church Contract Bridge

4:00 pm ~ Choir

5:00 pm ~ White Chapel Ringers

Thursday, May 30

9:00 am & 12:30 pm ~ Bridge

Friday, May 31 - Office Closed

9:00 am ~ Bridge

Saturday, June 1 - Office Closed

9:00 am ~ Tryon Thrift UCC

9:00 am ~ Kudzu Clean-up

Sunday, June 2

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Annual Block Party

Full calendar listings in our weekly "Be The Church" email and on our website.

contact Pastor Meghan at 860-966-2432.

Get help with Breeze. Contact the church office for help registering or getting set up on your phone. Breeze will better connect you with the congregation and our ministries.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Church Fun Contract Bridge—Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 PM, 4th floor of the church
Social bridge group. No fee, just fun. Open to all. Contact Miles Southworth to RSVP.

Connect Groups

Connect groups are small groups that gather monthly, from September to May. Connect groups create space to connect, share, and learn together. Contact Pastor Meghan for more information.

Monthly Game Night & Dinner - 3rd Saturday of the Month, 5-7 PM, Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite game! Free will offering for dinner. Sign-up appreciated.

Prayer Group - Wednesdays at 12 PM on Zoom ([link in weekly eblast](#))
Join us as we pray for the congregation, the community, and the world.

Support Group for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth and their Parents

Meets every last Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall & Parlor. Parents meet from 7-8 PM, Youth from 7:30-8:30 PM with time to socialize beforehand. A therapist will be present.

Tryon Thrift at UCC - Saturdays, 9 AM–3 PM, enter through the back parking lot
A youth run thrift store to benefit the ministries of the church and area non-profits. Donations of clothing, shoes, accessories (jewelry, bags, hats, etc.), books, CD's, & records are always being accepted.

WISE Book Club - 1st & 3rd Mondays at 2 PM in the Church Parlor

Any and all interested women are welcome. The group is currently reading and discussing, "Learning To Walk In The Darkness" by Barbara Brown Taylor.

*We are a church that believes life is worth living,
people are worth loving, and God is worth trusting.*

Prayer List

Prayer requests are submitted by filling out the Worship Response Card with a prayer request and placing it in the offering plate, or notifying the Pastor.

Joys: May birthdays and anniversaries.

Ongoing Concerns: Michael Collier (*brain cancer surgery*), Rev. Christopher Huff (*Pancreatic Cancer*), Carol Jean Vosburgh (*recovering from back surgery*), Barney Eiserloh, Sarah Gibson (*cancer*), Ann Franklin, Gratitude for the warmth and light of spring, Adam Gumble, Witt, John Short (*cancer*), Madeleine Crolla, Kory Hemenway (*cancer*), Brett Surret, Bob Brueckner, Tom Rounds, The Mullin Family, Eloise, Marge Short, Ginger Leavitt, Ruth Foy. All the CAREGIVERS among us who affect and touch so many lives.

Grieving: The Family & Friends of: Marty Morgan, Linda Eiserloh, Barbara Paulk, and Bob Reynolds.

United Church of Christ: The ongoing work of the United Church of Christ, including our General Minister & President The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, our Southern Conference minister The Rev. Dr. Edward Davis, our Interim Western North Carolina Association Associate Conference Minister, The Rev. Warren Casiday, and of our partner churches in the Western North Carolina Association, Eastern North Carolina Association, and Eastern Virginia Association.

Global Ministries: The work of our partners in Global Ministries Mission serving in the Jpan.

Those Who Serve: For teachers, health care workers, first responders, poll workers, essential workers and all who sacrifice and serve. For those who serve, our military, deployed personnel and their families. For veterans and their families, who have given and sacrificed so much.

Our Neighbors: The people of Israel and Palestine - we pray for a just peace. Those suffering from climate change. Those impacted by the evils of gun violence. The people of the Ukraine. For those impacted by climate disasters. All seeking refuge, peace, and justice. Those lacking adequate shelter, food, safety, and assistance in Polk County and beyond.



An Open and Affirming Community

Founded in 1891



The Congregational Church of Tryon welcomes persons of all ages, races, social and economic circumstances, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions, abilities and church backgrounds to participate in the life and ministry of our church.

“WHOEVER you are and
WHEREVER you are on life’s journey,
you are **WELCOME** here.”

The Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

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Learn more about our life of faith together on our website or on Facebook.

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Here I Am, Lord

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry, All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save, I who made the
They turn a - way. I will break their
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.