

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in one bread.**

*[Ushers will release each row in turn and each row will go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle.]*

*The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat.*

*Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]*

*During Holy Communion, reflect on your relationship with God and others, and offer thanksgiving and praise.*

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Joan Lueth, Rob Chapman, Jonathan Borden

**Affirmation of Faith:** 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

*Leader:* There is one God,

and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,

who came as a ransom for us all, to whom we testify:

**People: This saying is sure, and worthy of acceptance:**

**That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,**

**and was manifested in the flesh,**

**vindicated in the Spirit,**

**seen by angels,**

**proclaimed among the nations,**

**believed in throughout the world, taken up into glory.**

**Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn:** "O Spirit of the Living God"(vv. 1,3) No.539

**\* Benediction** Pastor John

**Postlude**

*Please stay for coffee and donuts following the Benediction  
Our hospitality host today is Suzanne Savage.*

#### **Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Stephen Minister Judy Kim

**Our musicians:** Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

**Greeters:** Jeff and Karen Eekhoff

**Flowers:** Suzanne Savage

**Communion Bread Provider:** Todd Gordon

**Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering:**

Craig Gingerich, Cailen McNair, Todd Gordon

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#### **Weekly News & Updates**

**Want to receive Trinity emails?** Send Pastor Timothy an email at:  
revtfmerrill@aol.com. Or drop your business card in the offering plate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets for the remaining Sundays in  
September (10, 17 and 24).

**BOARD MEETING**, Monday, September 18, at the Borden's  
home, Green Court 1, 1/501. 6:53 p.m.

**SUBWAY SUNDAY, October 15 (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE).** Plan  
to linger a little longer than usual to enjoy Subway sand-  
wiches, salad and desserts. This is a tradition following  
Stewardship Sundays, and a great time to catch up with  
friends, meet new friends, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

**NO WORSHIP SERVICES** on October 1 and October 8

**NEXT FAMILY SUNDAY** is October 15

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** is October 29. Pastors Timothy and  
John will present a dialogue sermon, representing the Father  
of the Reformation, Martin Luther, and the papal legate  
Johann Eck. The service will be followed with a fellowship  
with German food as well as cider.

## REMEMBER TO PRAY ...

- For Doug and Anne Gribble on the death of Anne's dad,  
Duane. He was 84. His funeral service was last  
Wednesday. Doug and Anne returned to Shanghai Friday.
- For Rev. Elyn Macinnis during her visit in China and pray  
for safe travels and a successful conference in Fuzhou  
(for the descendants of the missionaries who lived and  
worked in Fuzhou and spent time on Kuliang mountain  
100+ years ago). Also for the beginning of the new  
school year for the Peng Cheng School (Granny Han's  
School) in Xuzhou. Elyn is taking in a new computer for  
the neurofeedback project and will spend time there with  
the teachers and kids.
- For college students returning to campus; for first-time  
students experiencing life away from home; for parents  
who are experiencing the "empty nest" for the first time.
- For Will, a 6-year-old boy, the child of a former student of  
Kathy Gordon. Will needs a heart transplant.
- For Morgan and Mike Banini and the safe birth for their  
child.
- For the Paulson family. Erik will have surgery in Sept.

#### **Electronic Giving or Giving in the USA**

Would you prefer to give electronically?  
Please see our Treasurer, John Ideker, for details.

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holders are allowed to attend services here at Trinity Congregation.

# TRINITY CONGREGATION

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

## AFTER PENTECOST

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2017, 11 AM

Please remember to silence your smartphone and other  
devices during the worship service! Thank you!

# THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

\* All who are able may rise to praise God.

**Prelude:** Sara Preus  
**\*ProceSSIONAL Hymn:** No. 103

“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”  
*Acolyte:* Natalie Williamson

**\*Invocation** Pastor John  
**\*Sharing the Peace**

## Welcome and Announcements

**Words of Greeting** The Rev. Elyn MacInnis

**Epistle Reading:** *Romans 13:8-14* Sam Williamson, *Reader*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 18:15-20* Pastor John, *Reader*

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** “The Christian Textbook” Pastor Timothy

**\*Hymn of Response:** No. 430  
 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (vv. 1, 4)

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** No. 895

**Offering and Offertory** Ignatius Banda

**\*Hymn before Communion:** “As the Grains of Wheat”

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
 so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
 gath-ered in - to one in you.  
 1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when  
 To refrain  
 may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## \*Offertory Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God—

**\*People: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and united of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION



*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

**\*People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

**\*People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**\*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

*Celebrant:* It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer ... [*Celebrant continues*] ... and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*People (singing):** “Sanctus”

*Congregation:*  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

[congregation may be seated]

*Celebrant:* You indeed are holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled ... [*Celebrant continues*] ... Remembering his command to love one another, and remembering his life and death, resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

TO BE SUNG:

*Celebrant:* Christ has died.

**\*People: Christ has died** [echoing the melody]

*Celebrant:* Christ is risen!

**\*People: Christ is risen!**

*Celebrant:* Christ will come again.

**\*People: Christ will come again.**

(repeat)

*Celebrant:* Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, ... [*Celebrant continues*] ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God, now and forever.

**\*People (singing): “Amen”**

Elise Eslinger

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