

**\*Prayer following Communion** (in unison) *Nunc Dimittus*  
Lord, let now your servants depart in peace according to your word. For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Amen.

—“Nunc Dimittus,” based on Luke 2:29-32

**\*Recessional Hymn:** “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” No. 540  
**\* Benediction** “Go Forth into the World in Peace”

Tim Geisler and James Stovall

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.*

**Postlude** Ignatius Banda

“Symphony No. 5 in F-minor” by C. M. Widor

*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:** Caitlin and Kennedy Horton

**Flowers:**

**Communion Bread Provider:** The Hortons

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

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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 (Today and next Sunday).

**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).** 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

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS MORE HELPERS:** See Suzanne  
Savage

## REMEMBER TO PRAY ...

- For Rev. Elyn Macinnis during her visit in China.
- For Anne Peters, suffering from bronchitis.
- For those affected by Hurricane Irma and the wildfires in the Pacific Northwest.
- 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 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.



Today is the first of three Stewardship Sundays.  
Here is a list of things to do:

1. Read Pastor Timothy’s PASTORAL letter. You can find it by returning to Wednesday’s Weekly Update Email and find the link there. Or you can find a link to it on the HOME page of our website at: TrinityShanghai.org.
2. Pray and discuss with your family the extent of your support in terms of MONEY-giving, TIME-giving and TALENT-giving.
2. Complete the PLEDGE FORM and drop in collection plate. Should you misplace the form that is inserted in this Worship Guide, you can find the form on the HOME page of the Trinity website: TrinityShanghai.org.

Thank you, and God richly bless you!

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017, 11 AM

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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:** "Psalm 34, v. 6" by H. Howells Ignatius Banda

**\*ProceSSIONAL Hymn:** No. 111  
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Verses 1, 4 and 6)  
*Acolyte:* Alexandre Cimpian

**\*Call to Worship** Stephen Minister Judy Kim

*Leader: We come to worship as seekers of truth.*

**People: Help us to know your ways, O Lord.**

*Leader: We join as pilgrims on a common journey.*

**People: Teach us your paths, O Christ.**

*Leader: We wait for God's presence among us.*

**People: Move our hearts, O Spirit, as we worship together.**

**\*Invocation** Pastor Timothy

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Moment** Justin Wild

**Epistle Reading:** *Romans 14:1-12* Roger Liu, *Reader*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? ... For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 18:21-35* Pastor Timothy, *Reader*

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, 77 times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had

taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon:** "Everybody Else Should Do This" Pastor John

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" No.390

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

**Offertory** Ignatius Banda

**Offertory Hymn:** "All Praise to Thee" No. 682 *Verse 5 only*  
(Sung as a round, MEN begin, and WOMEN follow at circle)

## WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION BY CONFESSION

*Call to Confession: Let us bring our prayers of confession to the God who is gracious to hear us.*

*Prayer of Confession:*

**ALL: Eternal God, you have set forth the way of life for us in Jesus of Nazareth. We confess that we have been slow to learn from his example. You have spoken to us and called us, and we have not followed. Your beauty has been expressed in the world around us, and we have been blind. You have stretched out your hands to us through our brothers and sisters, and we have passed by. We have taken great benefit with little thanks. We have been unworthy of your self-giving love. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may be more faithful and constant in our love and service. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

## 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:* We praise you and bless you ... [*celebrant continues*] ... in the chorus of praise that rings throughout eternity, lifting our voice to magnify you as we sing:

**People (singing):** "Sanctus"

No. 17

*Celebrant:* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. ... [*the celebrant continues*] ... through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever!

**People (singing):** "Amen"

*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!*

**Song During Communion:** "What Wondrous Love Is This" No. 292

*Following this hymn, reflect on your relationship with God and others, and offer thanksgiving and praise as the organ plays.*

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison, Anne Gribble, Jonathan Borden, Ginger Merritt