

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:** No. 298  
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Following this song, *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,  
SM Judy Kim, Holly Raatz, Joan Lueth

**\*Prayer following Communion**

**\*Recessional Hymn:** "Rejoice the Lord is King" No. 715

**\*Benediction** Pastor Timothy

**Postlude** Sara Preus

*Please stay for coffee and donuts following the Benediction  
Our hospitality hosts are Suzanne Savage, Suzanne Byerly*

#### **Worship Leaders**

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

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

**Greeters:** YOUTH

**Flowers:** The Doering Family

**Communion Bread Provider:** Eleanor Williamson

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

John Merritt, the Boyer Family

**Please feel free to contact our pastors:**

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Pastor John: jpwillison@yahoo.com;

Stephen Minister Judy: judyxkim@gmail.com

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Board meeting** tomorrow night, Monday, October 16, at Merrill's, Green Court 2, 580 Biyun Road. Building 11/201. TIME: Carrot cake and coffee: 6:52 p.m. Meeting: 7:04 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 29: Reformation Sunday**, observing the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses, thus effectively igniting a reformation that would change the religious and geopolitical landscape forever.
- **Sunday, November 5:** All Saints' Sunday. We will remember the saints of the church, and those who have made a difference in our lives.

## REMEMBER TO PRAY ...

- Update on Holly Raatz's brother, Todd – age 51. Todd is home after having 3 stints implanted to aid blockage. Home medical care. He must heal/wait to see next steps (as for his diabetic foot). His spirits seem stable.
- From Dagne Furth: Thank you for lifting up my younger sister Claire and her baby girl to be! Claire has a rare chromosomal incompatibility in her placenta which is restricting fetal growth. As of my sister's last ultrasound this week, her baby girl has fallen to the 2% growth percentile with amniotic fluid becoming dangerously low. She is currently approaching her 29th week of pregnancy, which is truly a praise she has made it thus far! Baby is very small and her

length is measuring 2.5 weeks behind schedule . She has been warned the baby can still die in utero or after birth but doctors are cautiously optimistic that baby can survive. My sister is once again extremely stressed out and is trying not to be overcome with anxiety and fear. Continued prayers for her wellbeing and that of the baby's survival would be greatly appreciated once again. Thank you again for your sacrifice of time and prayer! May God get the glory whatever the outcome.



**Today is the third of three Stewardship Sundays.  
Here is a list of things you might want 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 MONEY-giving, TIME-giving and TALENT-giving.

3. 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.

*If you have questions, feel free to contact our Treasurer,*

*John Ideker at: john@ideker.com*

Thank you, and God richly bless you!

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

Would you prefer to give electronically?

Please see our Treasurer, John Ideker, for details.

#### **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.

根据中华人民共和国的法律，只允许外国护照持有人在场参加。  
In accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China, only foreign passport holders are allowed to attend services here at Trinity Congregation.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2017, 11 AM

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY (3)

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:** "How Can We Name a Love" No. 111  
Acolyte: Natalie Williamson

**\*Call to Worship** Gray Lyons and Ann Jaleco and daughter

**\*Invocation** Stephen Minister Judy Kim

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Timothy

**Stewardship Moment** Barbara Boyer

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-9** Evie Slatter, Reader

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14** SM Judy Kim, Reader

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon:** "Good for Me; Good for Us" Pastor John

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Close to Thee" No. 407

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

**CHILDREN'S STORY with Pastor Timothy**

**Offertory** Sara Preus

**Offertory Hymn:** "All Praise to Thee" No. 682 Verse 5 only

(Sung as a round, MEN begin, and WOMEN follow at circle)

# HOLY COMMUNION



(Musical Setting B, "Blue Liturgy," found in HYMNAL pp. 19-20. Want to follow the complete liturgy without truncated text below? Use your smartphone [in SILENT mode] and go to the website, TrinityShanghai.org, select "Communion Liturgies," and click on BLUE liturgy and follow along.)

**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!

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**Celebrant:** Let us affirm our faith.

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**Celebrant:** All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God, through Jesus Christ your Eternal Word, [Celebrant continues] ... And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join those heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Celebrant continues:** Glory, honor and praise are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself to be a light to the nations. [Celebrant continues] ... And so, remembering all that has been done for us — the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and the ascension, and longing for your return in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

**Celebrant continues:** Send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, being alive to your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us together with all your people into the joy of our true, eternal home. Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory, honor and praise to you, O God, both now and forever.

**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