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**REFORMATION SUNDAY/RITE OF CONFIRMATION**  
**10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully to worship and mission.

**Prayer:** *Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

**Variations on *Jesus Shall Reign***  
Nancy Enders, organist

**Penfield**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We have come to affirm our historic faith.

**To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

**To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures.

**To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever!**

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and the risen Christ.

**We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us approach God with a true heart, in full assurance of God's power to heal and to forgive. *(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

**Merciful God, you have loved your people from the beginning of time, desiring that we also love you and our neighbor with fullness of heart. We confess that we have sought wealth or betterment for ourselves, without acting generously toward others. Redirect our commitments, that they might reflect your will for us and your creation. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

HYMN

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”**

The Lord of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through the works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 8:31-36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## MEDITATION

“Re-Formation

Pastor Rankin

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*Today we receive **Zachary Baynard** (son of Pastor Chris & Anne Rankin), **Elene Keares** (daughter of Peter & Melissa Keares), **Landis Knoll** (son of Jere & Kim Knoll), and **Caleb Kreider** (son of Matt & Kerry Kreider) as new members through the Rite of Confirmation.*

We thank the following people for serving as spiritual friends:

Theodore Slechta with Zachary Baynard

Anita Rohrer with Elene Keares

Dan Otthofer with Landis Knoll

Rob Hollenbach with Caleb Kreider

I invite Zachary, Elene, Landis, and Caleb to come forward as a sign of their desire to affirm their baptism by uniting with this household of faith. I also invite their parents and their spiritual friend to join them at the chancel rail.

Friends in Christ, we are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. Zachary, Elene, Landis, and Caleb have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence in this household of faith. We now welcome you into the fellowship of this congregation and invite you to participate in all of the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

## SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

### QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

Pastor: Zachary, Elene, Landis, and Caleb, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

**Confirmands: I promise, with the help of God.**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

### ACT OF CONFIRMATION AND BLESSING

*(The Pastor, spiritual friend, and parents will lay hands upon confirmands)*

### QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION & CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

George DeLong: Do you promise to participate in the in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of Trinity U.C.C. as it serves this community and the world?

**Confirmands: I promise, with the help of God.**

George DeLong: Let us the members of Trinity U.C.C., express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. Please stand if you are able.

**Congregation: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen.**

## **GREETING**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Trinity U.C.C., we welcome you as members of this congregation.

## **PRAYER & THE DISMISSAL**

**HYMN OF CONSECRATION** *Jesus, I Live to Thee*  
(PLEASE BE SEATED)

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## **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

### **OFFERING DEDICATION**

Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. We return a portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you, so that while we are apart our words and deeds may continue to be a significant offering. May our lives praise you! Amen.

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to



become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### COMMUNICATION

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

(You are invited to partake of the elements)

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

By your word and sacraments, O God, you have given us a foretaste of the new heaven and new earth that will be ours forever. Strengthen in us this vision that we might draw others to believe in the hope that is ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

**HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

No. 281

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on O Worship the King*

Penfield

Nancy Enders, organist



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Charlene Cristy** in memory of Gladys Lenker, mother to Charlene Cristy.

**The Worship Aids** are given by the **Latsha Family** in celebration of George Latsha's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Greeters/ Ushers:** Don Miller, Zach Baynard, Cherie Cataldi, Jane Portser, Dottie Schadt

**Money Counters:** Lee Bossert, Steve Shenk, Ron & Donna Denlinger

**Building Trustee:** Hank Fox                      **Lector:** Marge Burger

Thanks to Nancy Enders for serving as our supply organist today. A graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Nancy is a retired Hempfield School District music teacher. She served as our organist & director of music from 1989-2010 and interim organist in 2016.

**Happy Birthday!**

Monday – Lynn Dull, Marilynn Trauger

Tuesday – Danielle Holbein

Friday – Amber Gegg

Saturday – Andrew Cooley

**This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

Monday                      11:30 AM – Community Meal @Zion Lutheran East Pete

7:00 PM – Virtual Class

Tuesday                      No Preschool – Election Day

Wednesday                      7:00 PM - Property

Thursday                      7:00 PM – Lancaster Exec. Mtg.

Friday                      10:30 AM – Preschool Pie Pickup

Saturday                      7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Time Change

Sunday                      8:00 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Eucharist

**Attendance for Sun., Oct. 24                      8:00–23    10:30–62    TOTAL – 86**

**Sunday School                      15**

**DEVOTIONALS:** The October-December edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building.

**THE NOVEMBER PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of **Rev. Charles Strasbaugh** (Pastor Emeritus of Bethany U.C.C., Ephrata), **Denny Eberly, Ann Wolf** (neighbor of George & Sandy DeLong), **the Brennan family, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Donna Esbenshade** (wife of Rev. Jack Esbenshade), **David & Ann Potts** (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), **Pete & Nora Petrosky** (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), **Joyce Becker, Lynn Dull, Jill Otthofer, Paul Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel), **Ronald Himelwright** (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), **Barry Richards**(son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), **Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio), **Joan Kalbach** (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), **John Shelsky, Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds** (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), **Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Linda Brown** (sister of Mike Wagner), **Jose Arroyo** (husband of Sandy & George DeLong's niece), **Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), **Jaimie & Aurora Commero** (friends of Sarah Paulukow), **Mark Zody** (friend of Denise Huggins), **Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), **John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), **Carl Roth** (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), **Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert** (niece of Betty Tyndall), **Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), **Bob & Marlyn Wible, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore** (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), **Sam & Rosemary Minder, Jordan Sensenig** (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), **Judy Wisniewski** (sister of Chuck Husted), **Elaine Sturgis** (friend of Sue Husted), **Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Doris Leaman, Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo, Judie Bistline, Hilma Slechta, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family** (friends of Trinity Church).



**TIME CHANGE:** Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks back!

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 7**

We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 1, 2020. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. The deadline is November 1.

## **VIRTUAL ADULT CLASS: "WORSHIP & THE VITAL CENTER"**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Schmiechen, President Emeritus of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will present a three week class on the vital aspects of worship. The class will meet November 1 at 7 p.m. via Google Meet. The class schedule is as follows: **November 1: The Lord's Supper**

Contact the church office to sign-up for this class.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:

1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor or outside.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.
3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.

**There will be no Koinonia at this time!**

**CROP WALK:** The total raised so far is \$4,753.57. You can still support one of our walkers by donating online or giving them money. The following people walked: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Donna Geisler, Kerry & Caleb Kreider, Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Marianne Gible & Marcel, and the Rankin family. **Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP.** We would like all contributions in by October 31!

**THE 2021 WORSHIP AIDS & CHANCEL FLOWERS:** You can either contact the church office or use the website under resources to sign-up for flowers and worship aids for 2021 & 2022! Worship Aids are available **December 2, & 19, 2021.**

**I PROMISE FORMS:** It is not too late to submit your I Promise forms for 2022. You can place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church. If you need another copy of the forms, they are on the table across from the church office.

## **SAVE THE DATE---ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The congregational meeting will be held **after the 10:30 a.m. service on November 14.** There will be no luncheon this year. The Technology Committee has arranged for a virtual option for the meeting. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins and the November Parish Post.

**2022 BUDGETS** are available on both floors of the church building. This will be voted on at the congregational meeting.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

**Greeters/Ushers:** To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

**PIE PICKUP:** The Preschool Fundraiser Pickup will be Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

**PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP:** Mark your calendars now because the



Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the October Parish Post. You can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail or on the website under Ministries!

Speak with Karen Olley for more information!

**HARVEST HOME** will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 14. You may bring donations of food for the Lancaster food hub to help our neighbors in need on November 14 or 21. Items needed are: canned soups, canned meats, fruits, hamburger helper, rice, cereals.

Decorations will remain until Thanksgiving Eve service, after which the items will be transported to the food hub. If you are not comfortable bringing items to church, you can donate financial contributions. Just mark your donations for the food hub. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes. Thank you for your support!





There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Trinity United Church of Christ to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

**CALLING NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS:** We invite anyone who is interested in providing a solo as a Musical Offering this fall, in joining the SOT Choir, or in playing bells to email Michael and Dina at [Music@Trinityeastpete.org](mailto:Music@Trinityeastpete.org).



## CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to. . .

*Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others.*

*Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces.*

*Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!*

*Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well or have been around someone who is waiting the results of a COVID test, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.*

*Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.*

*Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.*

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- Share God's love with our community
- Serve God's children
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

## **HEMPFIELD POWER PACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Hempfield Power Packs could use a few volunteers! We are most in need of people to help with delivery and distribution on Thursday afternoons.

“Delivery” means bringing the bags from our room at EPACC (East Pete Civic Center – corner of State and Lemon) to Arbor View Trailor park on Columbia Ave (across from Super Shoes). This takes about 45 minutes from start to finish. You help to load the bags into your car (and a few coolers) and bring them to the ‘community room’ at Arbor. The two volunteers there will help unload your car and they stay to distribute. (And then you are free to go!) (Pick up bags at EPACC about 2:50pm on Thursday, deliver to Arbor and leave)

“Delivery AND Distribution” are about a 2 hour time commitment. Volunteers pick up bags/coolers, etc at EPACC, and bring them to either Hempfield United Methodist or Mountville Church of the Brethren, and then stay to distribute them when our families come. (We are serving approx. 32 families at MCOB and 48 families at HUMC)  
MCOB distributes from 3 - 4:15 – which means pick up at EPACC approx. 2:25 and returning leftover bags to EPACC after 4:15.  
HUMC distributes from 4:30 – 5:30 – which means pick up at EPACC approx. 3:45 and returning leftover bags to EPACC after 5:30.

“Distribution” – this one is without a delivery – as it happens right at EPACC between 5:30-6:30. We distribute out of the entrance of EPACC – so it’s just a matter of showing up about 5:15 and handing out bags to our families. (We are serving approx. 35 families at EPACC)

You are not alone at any site – we always have 2 volunteers.

If you want any other details or info, feel free to email or call me – I’d be happy to chat! (717-203-9506 or [deblich@comcast.net](mailto:deblich@comcast.net))

Thanks,  
Deb Lichtenwalner

# *Christmas Poinsettia Order Form*

Person(s) ordering Poinsettia(s)

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Please order: \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) @ \$5.25 each      Total amount due \$\_\_\_\_\_

Designation as you would like to have it appear in the bulletin.

Example:

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Give plant to a shut-in member     Yes     No

**The last date to order is November 21, 2021.** Give order forms and payment to Dan Otthofer, or place in the offering in envelope marked Poinsettia or give to church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ and mark Poinsettia in memo line. Thank you.

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

### **St. John 8:31-36**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.