



Visitors, we are especially grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today and we hope to see you again soon. Please stop by our Welcome & Information Center located inside the lobby of our Christian Learning Center to find out more about Trinity and our programs.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary by Chuck and Donna Rawls.

...**MUSIC**... Vicki Slavik...trinityunited@bellsouth.net

Music Programs resume the week of January 8th except for Chancel Choir - we will begin on January 4th.

...**YOUTH NEWS**...George Whiddon...youth.tumc@gmail.com

Small Groups resume Wednesday, Jan 4th 6:30 to 7:30 in Youth Room
MYF resumes on January 8th - 5pm in the Youth Room.
Youth Led - February 17-19th. More details to follow.

...**Preschool**..Angela Gilbert...childrenareloved@trinity-methodist.org

Preschool resumes on Tuesday, January 3th. Thanks for the great response in collecting stocking items for Miller School and the community.
Our 1st school holiday of the year is Monday, January 16th (Martin Luther King, Jr Day).

...**Children**..Laura Dills...children@trinity-methodist.org

!!!!**Grapple** is thriving on Sundays in the Children's Dept.!!!! All Children Kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to join the excitement at 9:45am.

Wednesday Fellowship Meals.... resume on January 4th. Make your reservations and join us at 5:30pm for great food and fellowship in the Family Life Center. Reservations: Anera Dian - 953-5231

Church Leader Training.... on January 8th at 6:00pm in the Christian Learning Center for all committee members new and continuing. All church council members are encouraged to attend.

Red Cross Blood Drive....Tuesday, January 10th from 1pm to 6pm in the Family Life Center. Call Debbi Crenshaw @ 747-6457 or e-mail at crenshaws@comsouth.net for more information or to set an appointment.

Sanctuary Altar Flower dates can be reserved by completing a form or emailing trinityunited@bellsouth.net Each order is \$40- payment to accompany order. (Our altar flowers are not a budgeted item.)

Young Adult Praise Band - We are interested in forming a young adult praise band for contemporary worship.If you are interested, please contact Tammy Miller at 320-0571 or 929-8092.

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR COVENANT SUNDAY 11:00AM/FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Gathering Music

"Hallelujah, Your Love Is Amazing"
 "The River Is Here"

Welcome And Announcements

Fellowship Time

"Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

Worship In Song

"Trading My Sorrow"
 "Grace Like Rain"
 "Mighty To Save"

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

"Providence By-the-Lake"

Hugh Davis

Key verse: "So they pulled their boats up on shore, left every thing and followed him" (Luke 5:11 NIV)

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesley Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, Exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things To thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Prayer & Praise

"We Fall Down"
 "Be The Centre"

Benediction

"The River"

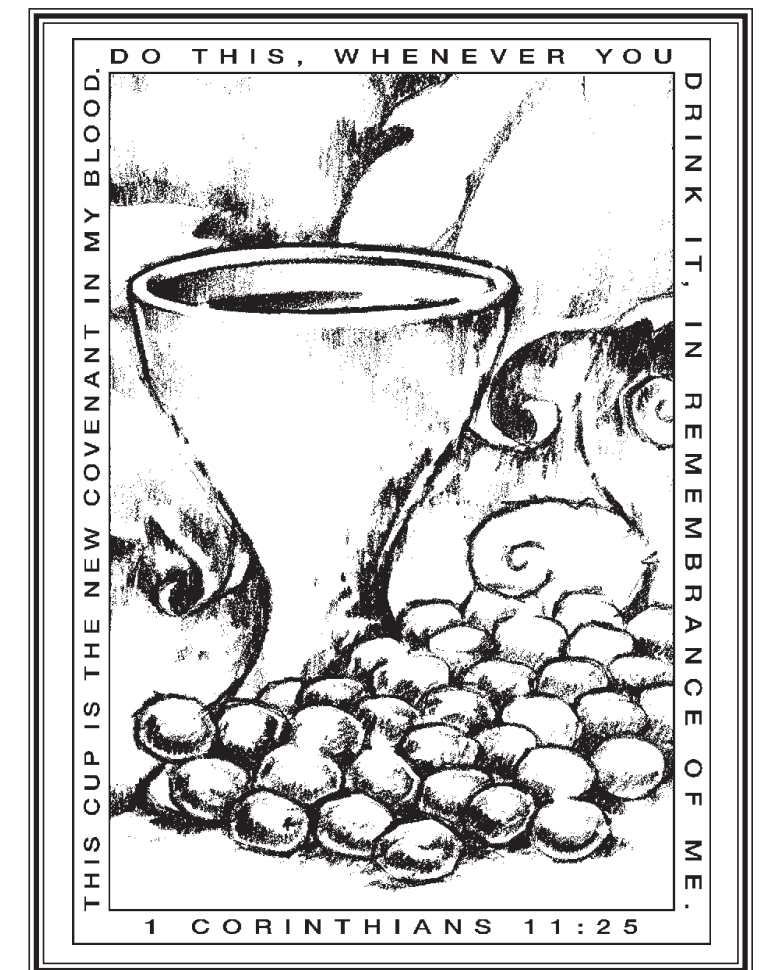


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JANUARY 1, 2012
 COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY



"Building a joyful community centered on Christ
 And fully committed to seeking the lost, serving the needy,
 Feeding the hungry and healing the wounded."

An Order of Worship

Covenant Renewal Service and Holy Communion

8:30 & 11:00 / Sanctuary

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

A Time of Greeting Each Other in Christ

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

“Brothers and Sisters I invite you to now come and let us together join ourselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant which will never be forgotten.” Our purpose in this covenant is to be reminded of our deep need of God’s grace. Let us through the course of this time recognize our sinful condition and remember that we cannot experience forgiveness outside the grace of God. After we recognize our sinful condition let us embrace Christ’s opportunity for a fresh experience of his grace. Let us rededicate ourselves to the covenant relationship provided for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let Your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn # 57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Wesley / Glaser

Children’s Moments

Celebration of Baptism (8:30am)

Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for all of God’s mercies. O, God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. We thank you for your patience and overflowing grace.

Hymn # 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Wesley / Zundel

Offering Our Gifts to God “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

A Lesson from the Prophets: Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

A Lesson from the Epistles: 1 Peter 1: 13 – 23

A Lesson from the Gospels: John 15: 1 – 8

Reflection “Holiness of Heart and Life”

Bill Bagwell

Proclamation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God. Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with His own blood, that it might last for ever.

Invitation

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands: Put me to doing, put me to suffering, Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, Let me be full, let me be empty, Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but His servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. Christ will have no servants except by consent; Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that He requires. Christ will be all in all, or He will be nothing. Confirm this by a holy covenant. To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God’s special assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ. Consider what your sins are. Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all. Be sure you are clear in these matters; see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God’s covenant, rely upon God’s promise of giving grace and strength, so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God’s power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord. Fall down on your knees; lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before you. Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will, for you have promised mercy to me if I turn to you with my whole heart.

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life. Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you. For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before you.

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him.

Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God. I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant, to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God.

Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him. O blessed Jesus, I come to you, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants. I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall. Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden. All your laws are holy, just, and good. I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to your direction, and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to you, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God. O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant. So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

The Service of Holy Communion (United Methodist Hymnal, pages 9 – 10)

Hymn # 413

“A Charge to Keep”

Wesley/Mason

Benediction and Postlude

Communion Servers: 8:30 Paula & Art Howard, June & Eddie Underwood

11:00 Pauline & Bud Abbott, Andrew Abbott, Matthew Abbott