Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

September 24, 2023 9:30am

Theme: A Closer Look

If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher prior to the Prayers of the People.

Prelude

Welcome

*Songs of Praise "We Fall Down" (sing twice)

W&S 3187

"El Shaddai" (sing twice)

Hymnal 123

Hymnal 517

Leader: The Holy One calls us to trust God's steadfast love. With our ancestor

Abraham, we say: **People: "Here I am."**

Leader: The Holy One calls us to be guided by prophets. With the first followers of

Jesus, we say:

People: "Here I am."

Leader: The Holy One calls us into eternal life. With the Gospel writers, we say:

People: "Here I am."

Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us.

ALL: "HERE I AM." AMEN.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy One, in whom we bear our souls, we take comfort and courage in your presence. Through your love and light, we are able to take a closer look at what it takes to place our trust entirely in you. Help us lovingly put you before all else, as we journey the corridors of uncertainty, knowing that your steadfast love shepherds us on paths unknown. AMEN.

Prayer Song "By Gracious Powers" (verse 1)

Prayers of the People/Our Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song "By Gracious Powers" (verse 1) Hymnal 517

Scripture Reading Genesis 22:1-19

Children's Message

*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" Hymnal 593

Sermon "A New Vision of God" Pastor Chad Gilbertson

*Hymn "By Gracious Powers" (verses 2, 3, 4) Hymnal 517

Reception of New Members (begins on Hymnal page 33)

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Breath of Resurrection, Wellspring of Grace, Teacher of Truth, we offer you these gifts as tokens of our obedient hearts and of our desire to do your will. AMEN.

Announcements

*Benediction

Leader: God's love is with us whatever we do. May we carry it with us always.

People: Whether welcoming the stranger, whether risking all we have, whether wrestling with God's call, whether freeing ourselves from our past, God is our constant companion on this journey.

ALL: "HERE I AM." AMEN.

*Hymn "Go Forth for God" (verse 1) Hymnal 670

Postlude

^{*}Greeting

Worship Leaders

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This Week:		
Monday, Sept. 25	9:30am 6:30pm 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Core Team Meeting Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Sept. 26	1:30pm 7:00pm	Trinity Readers (Parsonage) Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Sept. 27	8:30am 6:15pm 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity 7th/8th Confirmation Class (Parsonage) Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Sept. 28	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Saturday, Sept. 30	10am-4pm	Fresh Expressions Workshop
Sunday, Oct. 1	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream

Prayer Requests:

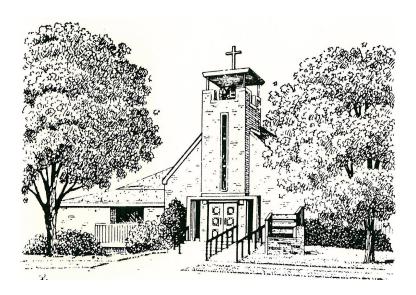
Jess—for Dan's health, and Dan's cancer

Julie—who begins week 5 of recovery from surgery

Dan S.—prayers for niece Jessica's family; Jessica passed away last week from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident; prayers also for Dan's brother who was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Thanks for a bountiful garden this year!

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