Trinity United Methodist Church  
Worship for March 14, 2021  
11:00 Service

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: The kingdom of God is at hand.  
C: We want to enter this kingdom.

L: The mercy of God is made known.  
C: We want to receive this mercy.

L: The grace of God is abundant for all.  
C: We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love. Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today.

Children’s Moment

“Lord Prayer”

Kim Orrock

Special Music

Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Gloria

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.  
C: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

L: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;  
C: they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. (CONTINUED)
L: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;
C: he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
C: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Special Music

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

“And when you come before God, don’t turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat? “Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

“The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They’re full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don’t fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply.

Like this: Our Father in heaven, Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what’s best— as above, so below. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You’re in charge! You can do anything you want! You’re ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes. “In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can’t get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God’s part.

Sermon
Rev. Dan Elmore

Offering & Announcements
Rev. Dan Elmore

Special Music

Benediction: Unison Reading
Rev. Dan Elmore

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen!

Postlude