

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Conservative, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
August 23, 2026



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*"He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens,
that he might fill all things" (Ephesians 4:10).*

“✱” = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Colossians 2:13–15

Leader: *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,*
People: **God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,**
Leader: *By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.*
People: **This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.**
Leader: *He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame,*
People: **By triumphing over them in him.**

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – 1 John 2:1-2

***Hymn #38** - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 45:14-25

Ancient Creedal Proclamation – Apostles' Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]
[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

***Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sung Psalm #2B** – “Why Do the Gentile Nations Rage”

Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins) – *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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q28

Leader: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

People: Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day,

Leader: In ascending up into heaven,

People: In sitting at the right hand of God the Father,

Leader: And in coming to judge the world at the last day.

People: "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9).

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – Philippians 2:9-11

***Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – "The Exaltation of Christ: The Great Reversal"

Ministry of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

TRC practices guarded open communion. All who profess faith in Christ, have been baptized, have a basic understanding of this sacrament, and are in good standing with a biblical local church are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain whether you should partake, it is wise to abstain and speak with the pastor afterward.

Prayer

Words of Institution – Matthew 26:26-28 + Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:26

"While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.' . . . Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #310** - "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

***Benediction**

Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today

Announcements

- After church, on **August 30th**, Pastor Doug would like to have a **discussion** with those who are interested about: 1) How can the church support Home Schoolers. 2) To see who is interested in children's Sunday School. 3) To see if there is interested in a Wednesday Night Study.
- The elders would like to take a **new photo of the entire church** sometime in September after church when the majority of members will be in attendance. Please email Pastor Doug what Sunday(s) you will NOT be in church in September.
- This church has experienced **cyber-attacks** before. Please be very discerning about any emails you get from the church, Pastor Doug or any church member. We will never ask for money via email or texts. When in doubt *call* Pastor Doug.
- Pastor Doug will be returning from on vacation on August 24th.
- **Sunday School** for all ages returns on Sunday, September 13th.
- The next in-person **Elder & Deacon Meeting** will be at Pastor Doug's house on **October 3rd**.
- **October 10th**, Saturday, there will our annual **Oktoberfest** at the Aldrich's. (*Rain Date*: October 17th)
- The **4th Annual Christmas Party** will be on Friday, **December 4th**.
- TRC's **Annual Meeting** is after church, on Sunday, **December 13th**. The snow-day is December 20th.

Regular Studies & Gatherings (for the summer)

- Sunday School, Tuesday Morning Study & Wednesday Study have stopped for July & August.
- **Saturday Morning Prayer Group** at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

ONLINE RESOURCES

TRC's Webpage: TrinityReformedCT.org
TRC's Facebook Page: facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
TRC's Youtube Channel: youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT

INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: trcnwprayer@gmail.com. (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

LEADERSHIP

Elders:	Rev. Douglas Aldrich, pastor	860-379-1147	douglas_aldrich@sbcglobal.net
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	Rev. Jonathan Haulenbeek	203-709-0784	jhaulenbeek@icloud.com
Deacons:	David Mattson (chair), Carl Bierce, Caleb Goodell, Mason Goodell, Dean Winters		
Sunday School:	Verna Aldrich	Music Coordinator:	Cindy Rines
Clerk:	Sheryl Gabelmann	Treasurer:	Cindy Rines

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Worship Starts At: 10:30 AM (9:30 AM in the summer)

Sunday Worship At: Winchester Grange (100 Newfield Rd; Winchester Center, CT 06098)

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Philippians 2:1-11

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.