

**Offertory:** "Open my Eyes" K. L. Scott

**\*Holy Communion:** UMH# p.13

**Music During Communion:** "Ave Verum Corpus" W.A. Mozart

**\*Hymn:** "It Is Well with My Soul" UMH# 377

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "In Thee Is Gladness" H. Rohlig

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**We thank those who participated in today's service:**

**Acolytes:** Mason Hedeem, Aisla & Levi Varnon  
**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of Ray G, from Mark and Natalia G.  
**Altar Guild:** Deb Marden & Chad Thompson  
**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie  
**Chancel Art:** Nicole Baker  
**Fellowship Hour:** Volunteers  
**Flautist:** Janet Dixon-Metcalf  
**Liturgist:** Lisa Everett  
**Ushers:** Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Karen Andros, Lisa Foster, Wendy Regan  
**Video Team:** Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

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***Please Pray for:***

Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Vonda B (Chad T's sister), Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), Dominick E, Kelly H, Blair J (Brenda L's grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Velma M, Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T's sister & Camille's sister-in-law), Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T's nephew), Courtney H (Sheila W's daughter), our service men, women and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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*Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.*



**Celebrate** God's love

**Nurture** relationships with God and one another

**Serve** our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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## Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

### Meditation:

“Frosting freedom is just frosting on someone else’s cake, and so it must be till we learn how to bake.”  
-- Langston Hughes ~ The Panther & the Lash, 1926

### GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT TO WORSHIP

*\* Those who are able are invited to stand. \* Items in bold are read in unison.*

*We are invited to observe silence during the prelude. Please turn off cell phones.*

*If you have a prayer request, please write it on a “Prayer Card” found in the card rack, and place it in the offering plate.*

*All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m.*

**Prelude:** “Be Thou My Vision” Irish Traditional arr. T. Quigley

### Welcome and Announcements

*(New visitors only please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)*

**Introit:** “Here I Am, Lord”

**\*Call to Worship:** *(Written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution)*

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

**Many: We are the salt of the earth.**

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

**Many: We are the light of the world.**

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**Many: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Many: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

**All: Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

**\*Hymn:** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH# 57

**\*Prayer of Confession:** (Litanies and Other Prayers – Phyllis Cole)

**Gracious God, we thank you for the light that shone in Jesus, revealing unto us your holiness and our righteousness. We deplore this gap. Yet, we rejoice that you chased the darkness that kept it hidden from our eyes. We thank you, O God, for leaving your light in the world even though we have not always heeded your summons to become the light of the world. Instead of illuminating your character, we have blurred it. You have commanded us to love you with all our being, but we have consigned our love to the pigeonhole of religion. You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we have been too preoccupied with ourselves to find them. We have seen the light, but we have refused to walk in it. Yet, we long, O Lord, to keep your law and do your will. We ask forgiveness for our rebellion, not merely for the sake of the joy we have denied ourselves, but also for the joy we have denied others. We listen now, O God, for your word.**

### \*Words of Assurance and Pardon:

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

**Special Music:** “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” J. Raney

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

The God of blessing and love be with all of us.

**We embrace God’s blessing and love.**

Turn now and pass that blessing on to one another so that our community may be bound together in the spirit of Christ’s love.

### LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT’S WORD TO US

#### Children’s Moment

#### Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

#### The Lord’s 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.**

#### Prayer Response

**\*Hymn:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS# 2158

*(Children 4-6 are invited to Bible Story Time downstairs. Parents are asked to escort & pick-up their children.)*

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5: 13-20 (NRSV) N.T. p. 4

#### Response to the Word:

For the words of challenge, for the words of blessing, for the spirit of wisdom moving in our midst, **we give you honor and thanks and praise.**

**Meditation:** “Salt of the Earth” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

#### Reception of New Members

### RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

**Invitation to Offering:** (Discipleship Ministries)

Good and generous God, we bring our gifts to you this day and pray you might dedicate them to your work. We need to be reminded that we are the light of the world, and we have all that we need, whatever our circumstances. Renew us, loving God, and give us a new day and another chance. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. **Amen.**