

Trinity United Methodist Church

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Discipleship Ministries)

Holy God, as we present our tithes and offerings in worship, we know we come from a world that is tearing itself apart due to division. Even among your followers, we find ourselves shutting down and closing ourselves to those who don't think or act as we do. We need to be reminded that you desire unity and one mind from your children – not a church void of disagreement, but one where we work at listening in love more than working at speaking louder and winning the day. We dedicate not just our gifts but our minds to the work of your unifying love. In Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

*Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH# 334

Benediction

Postlude: "Festive Trumpet Tune" D. German

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Acolytes: Arianna Bhajjan, Raizel Bhajjan, Felix Everett

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Dora B, from her granddaughter, Doreen B.

Altar Guild: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Volunteers

Liturgist: Camille Twining

Organ/Piano: Vera Baker

Soloist: Vanessa Ford began singing in her church choir at the age of seven, and she loves every genre of music from classical music to jazz, traditional hymns, and contemporary gospel music. She has performed the national anthem and other solos for many local and national events.

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Vonda B (Chad T's sister), the C family, 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 (LaPierre) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), 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 by winter storms across the country.



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

Third Sunday of Epiphany/Human Relations Day

January 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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:

Toccata on "Amazing Grace"

C. Pardini

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Call to Worship:

One: It's coming—the Kingdom of God is coming! Let your Reign, O God, be acknowledged among all people.

Many: We stand on the threshold of truth. We are perched on the branches of justice.

One: Across the horizon we see the outline of peace and harmony.

Many: With privilege comes responsibility. With responsibility comes accountability.

With accountability comes honesty. With honesty comes faithfulness.

All: God of creation and history, equip us to live faithfully in your Kingdom!

*Hymn:

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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*Prayer of Confession: *(Church of England, Common Worship: for the Unity of the Church)*

Gracious and Loving God, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Assurance and Pardon:

One: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Beloved, believe the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!

Special Music:

"I Need You to Survive"

D. Frazier

*Passing the Peace of Christ

(To help us be a warm and caring spiritual home, please take a few moments to greet on another in Christian love. A historical Christian greeting would be: “The Peace of Christ be with you. “And also, with you.”)

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:

Amazing Grace (vv.1,3,6)

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(Bible Story Time and Chapel Kids are on break until January 29.)

Scripture Reading:

John 2: 1-11 (NRSV)

N.T. p. 224-225

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, **thanks be to God.**

Sermon:

“Common Into Uncommon”

Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

Faithful God, you powerfully bring your saving help to all who cry in pain. You have drawn us into this church to be nurtured and to work together to offer encouragement and help to others. We are grateful that you enrich us with gifts of your Spirit and tangible resources to use for your will in the world. We devote ourselves anew to your service through these gifts we bring to you. **Amen.**

Offertory:

As the Deer"

J.S. Bach/B. Red

*Doxology:

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