

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:** (Discipleship Ministries)  
Holy God, as we present our tithes and offerings to you today, we ask a special blessing upon them. Bless these gifts and bless the givers. We dedicate not just these gifts but also our minds to the work of your unifying love. In the Spirit of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Marching to Zion” UMH# 733

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Fugue in G minor" J. Charpentier

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

- Acolytes:** Charlotte, Greta and Jack Rust  
**Altar Flowers:** In memory of what would have been her mother Vera’s 111th birthday, from Jane S.  
**Altar Guild:** Shonali Bhajjan and Phyllis Thompson  
**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie  
**Fellowship Hour:** Volunteers  
**Liturgist:** Thomas Sheldon  
**Organ/Piano:** Vera Baker  
**Soloist:** Regina Krawiec  
**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), Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), Dominick E, Kelly, 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

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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:

"Adagio"

J.S. Bach

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: Jesus calls us to follow him.

Many: **We want to follow, but we are unsure.**

One: We are invited to come as we are into God’s Holy Presence.

Many: **We want to follow but we have not been faithful to God.**

One: Jesus invites us to follow in spite of what we have done or not done.

Many: **We want to believe that God loves us but we are afraid.**

One: Look to the cross before you, Jesus has shown us the love of God and has reconciled us to our Creator.

Many: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we come to worship and praise God.**

\*Hymn:

“Gather Us In”

TFWS# 2236

\*Prayer of Confession: (Uniting in Worship)

**O God, we confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning; the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong; the selfishness that can see nothing but its own will; the righteousness that knows no fault; the callousness that has ceased to care; the defiance that does not regret its own sins; the evasion that always tries to make excuses; the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent. God, we have fallen short of whom you have called us to be; Gracious and Loving God, be merciful on us.**

\*Words of Assurance and Pardon:

One: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” May your souls rest in the assurance that, through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: **Praise be to God. Amen!**

Special Music:

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. H. Helvey

\*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:

“The Summons”

TFWS# 2130

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

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 4: 12-23 (NRSV)

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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:

“Change and Transformation”

Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

Good and generous God, we bring our gifts to you this day and pray you might dedicate them to your work. We confess that we have too often missed being the church you wanted and needed, and we have placed the blame on “not having enough” money, members, talent, time, or power. We need to be reminded that 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.**

Offertory:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. T. Trenney

\*Doxology:

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