

**Invitation to Offering:**

Family of faith, it does not take long to see that we are not home yet. There are people who are hungry, oceans that are polluted, churches that are fading, walls that are growing. We are clearly not home yet. So until we reach that promised day, until we make it home, giving what we can to make a better world matters. When we give our tithes and offerings we help build God's home here. So with hopeful hearts, let us give.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:**

**Holy God, we are homesick. We long for the day that you spoke of when swords will be beaten into plowshares, the lion will lie down with the lamb, and justice will roll like waters. Until that holy day comes, take these gifts and use them to build that world here. We are hopeful. Amen.**

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

**Acolytes:** Ella Butcher, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

**Altar Flowers:** In memory of Ruth Temple Harwood for her birthday, from her family.

**Altar Guild:** Chad and Phyllis Thompson

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Coordinators for Online Worship:** Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

**Liturgist:** Cathy MacGovern

**Ushers:** Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Ray Miller, Andrew Bakowski, Lisa Bakowski

**Video Team:** Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Eric Wing

**I Believe by M. Miller**

I believe in the sun,  
even when it's not shining

I believe in love,  
even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God,  
even when God is silent.



**Celebrate** God's love

**Nurture** relationships with God and one another

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

# Trinity United Methodist Church

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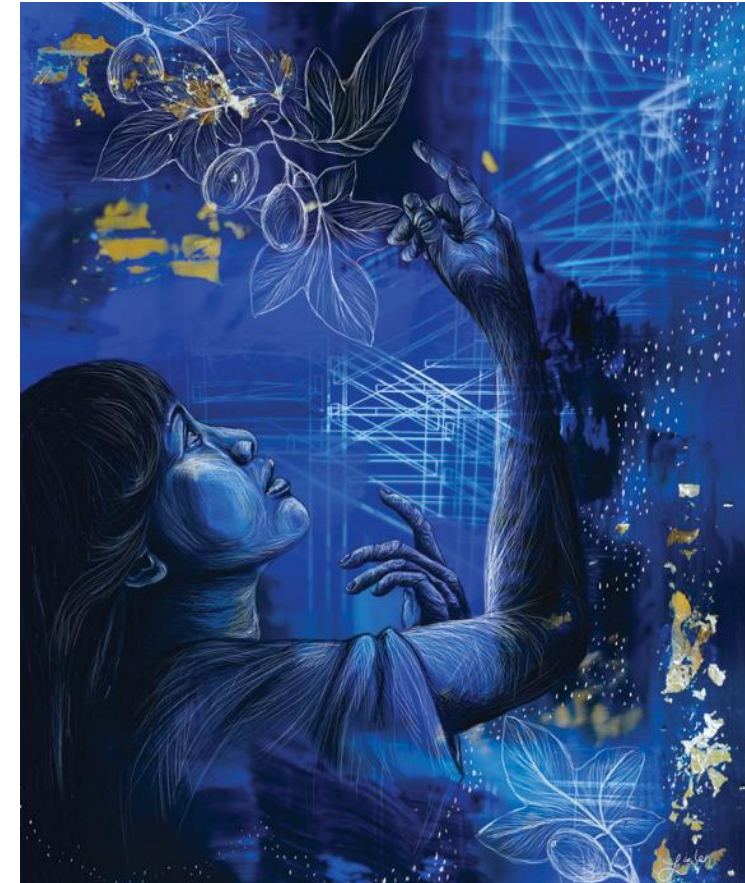
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RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

*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.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

\* Stand if you are able ✨ See words to the right ✨ See words on the back

**Prelude:** “Veni Emmanuel” M. Sobaje

## Welcome and Announcements

*(Visitors/members please sign & date the red folder & pass it on. Please remember late comers.)*

**Introit:** “Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night” D. Wagner

## \*Call to Worship ✨

\***Hymn:** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” UMH #519

## Prayer of Illumination and The Lord’s Prayer ✨

**Special Music:** ✨ “I Believe” M. Miller

**Lighting of the First Candle ✨** Chad & Phyllis Thompson

\***Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” UMH #196

## Children’s Moment

## Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns and Prayer Response: ✨

*(Children ages 7-12 are invited to go to the Chapel for Chapel Kids during this prayer response.)*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 21:25-36 (The Voice Translation)

**The Message:** “Longing for Home”

## Invitation to Offering: ✨

**Offertory:** “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming” H. Helvey

\***Doxology:** UMH # 94

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: ✨

\***Hymn:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 7) UMH #211

## \*Benediction

**Postlude:** “Come, Thou Savior of Our World” A. Vetter

# WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

➤ **Bold Items Are the Congregation’s Part.**

## Call to Worship:

L: Can one be homesick for something you’ve never known?

**P: We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers, for the end of suffering.**

L: Yes, we are homesick -

**P: For joy that is contagious, for nations that feel like neighbors, and for hospitals that run empty.**

L: We are homesick for the world God promises.

**P: We are homesick, but we are on our way.**

L: God is here. God is still creating.

**ALL: Let us worship Holy God.**

## Prayer of Illumination:

**God of the stars and God of our hearts - our days will pass but your words will last. The earth might fade but your words will last. Our memories might blur but your words will last. The grass will wither but your words will last. The sky could go dark and your words would last. So as we listen today, help us to hold onto what will last. Help us hold onto you. Gratefully we pray and worship you. Amen.**

## 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.**

## Candle Lighting Liturgy

A: We hope for a world where all are fed.

B: We hope for a world with more bridges than walls.

A: We hope for a world with wide open doors.

B: We hope for a world with contagious laughter.

A: We hope for a world where trees grow tall and creeks run clean.

B: We hope for a world where all people feel at home - in their bodies, in the church, in their physical homes.

A: We hope for that world.

B: We long for that world.

A: We are homesick for that world.

B: So today, we light the candle of HOPE, because hope keeps our hearts alive as we wait.

A: May this light be a reminder that the wait is always worth it.

B: We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen.

*\*Liturgy created by A Sanctified Art, a collective of artists in ministry who create resources for worshipping communities.*