

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Offertory Anthem: “Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come” text; Isaiah 60:1,3,19,
Music by Allen Pote

Arise shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Arise, arise, and shine like the sun and all nations shall come, and all kings will be drawn to the brightness of your rising. The sun shall no longer be your light, nor the brightness of the moon by night. But the Lord shall be your everlasting light, your God will be your everlasting light.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Music During Communion: Come My Way, My Truth, My Life UMH# 164

***Hymn:** “The Summons” TFWS# 2130

Benediction

Postlude: “Voluntary in Bb” Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Acolytes: Arianna Bhajjan, Raizel Bhajjan, Sam Crawford

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Communion Stewards: Greg Andros, Karen Andros, Rita Auchy and Sue Cartier-Bennett

Fellowship Hour: The Stewardship & Finance Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Fred Lewis

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Clayton Calhoun, Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth

Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, the B family, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Mark F, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Diane M, Carlos M, Herb M, the M family, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Jen R, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, the Z family, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



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

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany - Communion

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy and two songbooks: *The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)* and *The Faith We Sing (TFWS)*. Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.
Please stand in body or in spirit. **Items in bold are read in unison. Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“These two words ‘grace’ and ‘peace,’ contain a summary of all Christianity.” – Martin Luther

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Voluntary in Eb” Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Introit: “Christians We Have Met to Worship”
Christians we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down, Christians pray and Holy Manna will be showered all around.

***Call to Worship:** – *written by Rev. L. Mindi*
One: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,
Many: They will rejoice in God’s reign forever.
One: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving.
Many: They will be comforted in God’s reign forever.
One: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness
Many: They will find it in God’s reign forever.
One: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs.
Many: We will live in God’s reign forever.
One: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God’s name.
Many: Let us worship together, serving one another and serving our Mighty God. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH# 568

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** – *Discipleship Ministries*
Lord Jesus, we have not always wanted what you want for us. We have chosen to walk in ways other than your own, often using the easier path. We have trusted in ourselves instead of you. We have withheld mercy, avoided truth, and made peace with sin. We have admired your words, but not followed your way. Forgive us, heal us, and make us new. Help us to live as citizens of your upside-down, beautifully backwards kingdom, In the name of the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance** - *Ministry Matters*
Receive the healing love of Jesus. Give your lives to his service by serving and caring for others.
Be at peace. **Amen.**

***Response:** “As the Deer” TFWS #2025

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Choir Anthem: “Ding Dong Merrily on High” 16th c. French Tune
Ding dong! merrily on high in Heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong? verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.
(Refrain:) Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And i - o, i - o, i - o, by priest and people sungen.
Refrain
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime your eve-time song, ye singers.
Refrain

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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.

Choral Response: “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”
Hear our prayer O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

***Hymn:** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” UMH# 712
(Chapel Kids resumes February 8.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12 (NRSV) p. 4

Response to the Word:
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “You Are Blessed” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – *Bell Worship Resources*
Blessed One, your words in the Beatitudes challenge and renew us. As we present these offerings, we rejoice that they will support ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth. May your Spirit guide us as we live out the love we receive through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**