

**Today's liturgical color is green which marks "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time is any time of year between Easter and Advent and between Christmas and Lent. Green symbolizes life, hope, and anticipation.**

**To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.**

**Prelude:** Battle Belongs by Phil Wickham

### Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

### Chiming of the Hour

### Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### Announcements (\*noted within the bulletin)

### A Time for Prayer:

**Pastoral Prayer:** Pastor Tim

### Opening Hymn:

 It's Me, It's Me O Lord

No. 352

### Scripture Reading:

 Psalm 40: 1-11

<sup>1</sup>I put all my hope in the LORD.

He leaned down to me;

He listened to my cry for help.

<sup>2</sup>He lifted me out of the pit of death,

out of the mud and filth,

and set my feet on solid rock.

He steadied my legs.

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise for our God.

Many people will learn of this and be amazed;

they will trust the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Those who put their trust in the LORD,

who pay no attention to the proud

or to those who follow lies,

are truly happy!

<sup>5</sup>You, LORD my God!

You've done so many things—

Your wonderful deeds and Your plans for us—

no one can compare with you!

If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them,

they would be too numerous to count!

<sup>6</sup>You don't relish sacrifices or offerings;

You don't require entirely burned offerings or compensation offerings—

but You have given me ears!

<sup>7</sup>So I said, "Here I come!

I'm inscribed in the written scroll.

<sup>8</sup>I want to do Your will, my God.

Your Instruction is deep within me."

<sup>9</sup>I've told the good news of your righteousness in the great assembly.

I didn't hold anything back—

as You well know, LORD!

<sup>10</sup>I didn't keep Your righteousness only to myself.

I declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation.

I didn't hide Your loyal love and trustworthiness from the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup>So now You, LORD—

don't hold back any of Your compassion from me.

Let Your loyal love and faithfulness always protect me.

### Gloria Patri

No. 70

### Children's Moment:

 led by Diane Botts

At this time, children come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

### Scripture about the importance of having childlike faith in Jesus:

Matthew 18:1-3 CEB

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

<sup>2</sup>Then he called a little child over to sit among the disciples, <sup>3</sup>and said, "I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven.

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

*(Thank you for your generosity!)*

**Ushers:** Men's Team (Fred H., Chris S., Spencer Q., and Daniel W.)

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

what I can I give, give me heart.

### Offertory Prayer

Generous Father,

thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that

we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us, and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**Offertory Music:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus arranged by Greg Howlett

### Doxology

No. 95

**Anthem:** African Noel arranged by Benjamin Harlan

**Sermon:** "We are Equipped for Success" 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

With the link below, you can discover your spiritual gifts. Contact Pastor Tim if you have any questions about your results.

[Discipleship Ministries/Spiritual Gifts Inventory \(umcdiscipleship.org\)](http://umcdiscipleship.org)

**Response to the Service:** Prayer and Reflection

**Reflection Music:** Sweet Hour of Prayer

At this time, you can either pray at your pew or at the chancel rail (altar).

Things that you can pray for: family, friends, self, church family, non-believers, shut-ins, those who are ill (mentally and physically), out reach, community, and church ministries and leaders.

### Benediction

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!**

**Postlude:** Just A Little Talk with Jesus by Cleavant Derricks

**Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles:** At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

## Announcements

**Adult Sunday School** is on Sunday at 10 am.

**Choir Practice** is CANCELLED for Wednesday the 18th.

**Trinity Book Club** is on Monday at 6 pm. The book discussion is based on the text "Enemies of the Heart" by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

**Blessing Box**—If you want to bring food or other items for the blessing box, you can place your donated items in the labeled plastic bin located in the church fellowship hall.

**Children's Moment**—If you are interested in being in the rotation for leading the children's lesson during the worship service, contact Tim or notify the church office staff.

**Trinity Church Greeter Team**—We are seeking volunteers to come in a little early on Sunday mornings about once or twice a month to serve as church greeters. Church greeters will welcome those who attend church service by handing them a bulletin and by helping guests get familiar with the church building. If you are willing to help us out, please contact Joyce Palmer or Amy Garcia.

**New Church Secretary**—Please congratulate Amy Garcia on joining Tiffany in becoming our new part-time secretary. Amy will be in the office 3 days a week assisting the pastor and the needs of the congregation by answering phones and completing other office and church tasks. Tiffany will still be responsible for the video and web. Amy will be starting the first week of January.

**21-Days of fasting, prayer, and healthy living**—Beginning on Monday, January 9th and ending on Sunday, January 29th, Trinity UMC will be entering into a season of fasting, prayer, and healthy living such as diet and exercise for 21-days to bring in the new year with positivity, power, and motivation. During this time, we ask that you spend extra time focusing on and praying for your family, friends, church, and your well-being so that you can better understand God's will for your life. We hope that ideas and plans will be made known to us by God during this season so that we can have reachable goals created and accomplished in the year of 2023. We are excited to see what God has in store for us and after our season of fasting, praying, and healthier living we hope to have the zeal needed to put our ideas into action.

**Epiphany Service 2023**—This traditional service is scheduled to take place here (Trinity UMC) on Sunday, January 15th at 5 pm. After the service, there will be finger foods available for those who attend. Please bring your favorite dish to be added to the fellowship meal.

**Removing the Greens**—On Saturday, January 21st, at 10 am, we will be removing the Christmas decorations in the church. If you can help us, please come.

**Administrative Board Meeting**—Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd, immediately after the worship service.

**Pop 'n' for Jesus**—Our next popcorn and sweets giveaway at Mountain Empire Community College will take place on Wednesday, January 25th. This serves as a great opportunity to bring joy and encouragement to both the students and staff members at the school. If you are interested in helping us, please meet at the college (2nd floor of the Godwin building) at 9 am. If you have any question, contact Betty Fleenor.

**Laity Sunday**—Our next Laity Sunday will be Sunday, January 29th. Our lay leaders Kim Parsons and Rob Moore will oversee the service on that day. If you have any suggestions or requests for the service, please contact one of our lay leaders..

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE JANUARY 8TH:

Sunday School: 10  
In-Person Worship: 53  
Facebook: 14

**\*Offering stewards for January** (5th Sunday will have a mixed team)  
22nd—Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., and Amy G.  
29th—Lana P., Dana B., Amy G., and Ruben A.

**\*Children's Moment for January**  
22nd—Cindy A.  
29th—Kim P.

**\*Communion Stewards for February 5th**  
Cindy A., Dennis A., Paul C., and Kim P.

### UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of January, the requested item is Breakfast Cereal.

The food item for January is Breakfast Cereal. Bulk bags of 7-9 servings are requested.



## The Trinity Companion

January 15, 2023



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