

**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:** Let us Pray by Steven Curtis Chapman

### 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:

 Amazing Grace, v. 1, 2, 3 & 6

### Scripture Reading:

 Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 CEB

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation.  
Should I fear anyone?  
The LORD is a fortress protecting my life.  
Should I be frightened of anything?

<sup>4</sup>I have asked one thing from the LORD—  
it's all I seek:  
to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life,  
seeing the LORD's beauty  
and constantly adoring his temple.

<sup>5</sup>Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling  
during troubling times;  
he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;  
he will set me up high, safe on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,  
and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent -  
sacrifices with shouts of joy!

I will sing and praise the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out -  
have mercy on me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>Come, my heart says, seek God's face.  
LORD, I do seek your face!

<sup>9</sup>Please don't hide it from me!  
Don't push your servant aside angrily -  
You have been my help!  
God who saves me,  
don't neglect me!  
Don't leave me all alone!

### Gloria Patri

No. 70

### Children's Moment:

 led by Cindy Ashley

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:** (Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., and Amy G.)

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

Loving God,  
we follow the Magi in giving you gifts,  
praying that as you receive our acts of offering,  
you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead  
us in lives which serve you more deeply. In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Offertory Music:** Abide Hymn Medley arranged by Kevin Pace

### Doxology

No. 95

**Anthem:** Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains by J. Macfarlane

**Sermon:** "You are Gifted Part 2" 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

### Response to the Service: Prayer and Reflection

**Reflection Music:** It is Well With My Soul

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), outreach, community, and church ministries and leaders.

### Apostles' Creed No. 881

### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** Make My Life a Prayer to You by Melody Green

**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.

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

**\*Children's Moment for January**  
29th—Kim P.

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



## Announcements

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

**Choir Practice** is Wednesday at 7 pm.

**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.

**Spiritual Gifts Inventory**:-If you are interested in learning more about the spiritual gifts that God has given you, you can find out more by completing the survey in the link below. This information will help you better serve in the kingdom of God.  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

**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.

**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**—We had a wonderful time in worship and in fellowship, and thanks to all who participated. We had approximately 70 people in attendance from various congregations in our area. Thanks to our ladies for preparing a wonderful lunch for all to enjoy. In addition, thanks to our Music Director Rick for working diligently on this service. God is good and thanks be to God the Father for sending his Son Jesus to us!

**Administrative Board Meeting**—Our next meeting is scheduled for this afternoon, immediately after the worship service. During this meeting we

will be talking about matters of the church. If you want to see what happens during these meetings, please realize that you are welcome to attend.

**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. The theme for the service is called "Moment for Mission." Come and enjoy what God is doing in the life of our church.

**Black History Month**: February is Black History Month, and our worship services will focus more on observing and celebrating the achievements of African Americans in history. Come be with us and expect to be blessed.

**Ladies Meetings**—On Sunday, February 5th immediately after the service, Pastor Tim is asking all ladies in the church to meet in the fellowship hall for a short meeting.

**Valentine's Day Dinner**—Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us on Sunday, February 12th at 12:30 pm. We will have a time for great fun, fellowship, and food. Curklins will be catering the food, and we have a choice between steak or chicken; with a baked potato and salad. The steak option will cost \$19.50 and the chicken option will cost \$17.00. Calli Shell will be playing special music—if you have a special request, please write it down on the sign-up sheet. If you desire to attend, sign up before Sunday, February 5th and please pay in advance. If you have any questions, please talk to either Pastor Tim or our secretary Amy Garcia.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE JANUARY 15TH:

Sunday School: 10  
In-Person Worship: 51  
Facebook: 21

### 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 22, 2023

You are not  
lacking in any  
spiritual gift.

1 Corinthians 1:7, NRSV

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