

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we ask that both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees wear a mask during worship services. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available for you in the narthex. The Church Council is monitoring this situation closely and will inform you of any changes in the future. We appreciate your willingness to provide a safe worship environment for all during this challenging season that we are living in.

**Prelude:** Rock-A-My Soul, Arranged by Glenda Austin

### Lighting of the Candles

### Greeting:

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
**that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

**Announcements and Black History Month Calendar:** \*(please see back of bulletin)

### A Time for Prayer:

#### Scripture on Prayer

1 John 5:14 (CEB)

<sup>14</sup>This is the confidence that we have in our relationship with God: If we ask for anything in agreement with his will, he listens to us.

#### Congregational Prayer written by Sue Ellen Herne

Thank you, Creator of the universe,  
for the people gathered around us today.  
We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life.

**Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine.**

Thank you for the natural world,  
in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

**Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world.**

Help is to see our place among these gifts,  
not to squander them or think of them as means for

selfish gain.

**May we respect the life of all you have made.**

**May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need,  
and may we use our strength to help those who need us.**

**In Jesus Name, Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** The Gift of Love **No. 408**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 1: 1-3

<sup>1</sup>The truly happy person  
doesn't follow wicked advice,  
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,  
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

<sup>2</sup>Instead of doing those things.  
These persons love the LORD's Instruction,  
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!

<sup>3</sup>They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,  
which bears fruit at just the right time  
and those leaves don't fade.  
Whatever they do succeeds.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gloria Patri** **No. 70**

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
A-men. A-men.

**Children's Moment:** Lead by Pastor Tim  
At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the alter steps to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

**Ushers:** Men's Team (Dennis, Fred, Paul C., & John H.)

### **Thank you for Giving to this Church!**

The Leadership of Trinity United Methodist Church says thank you for your continued giving to this mission. We were delighted to discover that we surpassed the anticipated budget for 2021. Every dollar over is a great victory and a blessing from the Lord. Way to go Trinity and way to give!

May God continue to bless us!

### Offertory Prayer

**Offertory Music:** Steal Away (Steal Away to Jesus), arranged by Phillip Keveren

### Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen.

**Choral Anthem:** The Water is Wide

**Sermon:** "Love is the Greatest Thing in the Universe"  
Matthew 22: 34-40

**Response to the Word:** Affirmation **No. 888**  
Reading is from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6 and Colossians 1: 15-20

**Closing Hymn:** Kum Ba Yah **No. 494**

### Benediction

**Postlude:** Down by the Riverside, arranged by H. Luedeman

### \*Offering Stewards for February 2022

February 06th—Sandra R., Beth, Erin, and Patty R.  
February 13th—Dennis, Fred, Paul C., and John H.  
February 20th—Alberta, Pat B., Donna, and Lana  
February 27th—Spencer, Ruben, Dennis, and Paul C.

## Announcements

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

**Youth Gatherings** are on Sundays at 5 pm.

**Book Study and Discussion** is Monday at 6 pm.

**No Bible Study** for the month of February.

**Apprentice Study** is Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

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

**Valentine's Dinner Event**—Our pre-registered event is this afternoon at 12:30 pm.

**Ladies' Circle**—The next meeting will be today (February 13th) after the Valentine's Dinner.

**Administrative Board Meeting**—Our next board meeting is Sunday, February 20th. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

**Black History Celebration**—The celebration is Sunday, February 27th at 6 pm.

**Committee Reports**—We ask that all committees and circles meet to talk about duties and goals for 2022. A report about our plans for the year of 2020 needs to be prepared for our March 2022 Administrative Board Meeting. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim. Below is the list of the groups within the church that are to give a report.

Trustees Board	UMM
Kitchen Team	Financial Committee
Memorial	Outreach (NOW/SONS/water)
SPRC	Parsonage Committee
Worship Committee	Ladies Circle
Worship Committee	

**NOW Team Meeting**—There will be a meeting of the NOW Team on Thursday, February 17 at 7 pm in the church fellowship hall.

What is the NOW Team? NOW stands for Nurture, Outreach, and Worship. This group of individuals who want to come together and work on these specific areas of our mission at Trinity. This covers areas such as youth and children's programming, bottled water giveaways, community-based events, special worship services, and much more.

There is no set team or committee list. If you wish to be involved, you simply show up.

If you cannot make it to this meeting but wish to be involved, please contact Christy Smith.

### 2022 High School Scholastic Bowl

We are happy for Caitlyn Shell and her teammates from Wise Central High School for becoming the Mountain 7 Scholastic Bowl District Tournament Champs. Way to Go!

**Baby Shower**—The walk-through baby shower for Baby Zirkle (Katie and Cody) is Saturday, February 26th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

### Black History Month Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30 pm  
Williams Chapel AME Zion—Movie Night

Sunday, February 27th at 6:00 pm  
Trinity United Methodist Church—Music with the Fatty Livers, Trinity United Methodist, Williams Chapel, Praise Up, Changed, Joshua Outsey and lots more.

### UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for February is Single Serve Fruit. The requested items are Pears, Peaches, and Fruit Cocktail.



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