

**Today's liturgical color is purple which symbolizes penance, sacrifice, and preparation. Purple is the color used during Advent and Lent.**

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

**Prelude:** Gather Us In by Marty Haugen

### 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:** This is the Day

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

### A Time for Prayer:

We believe, O Lord ,  
that you have not abandoned us to the dim light of our own reason to conduct us to happiness, but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice. How noble and excellent are the precepts, how sublime and enlightening the truth, how persuasive and strong the motives, how powerful the assistance of Your holy religion. Our delight shall be in Your statutes, and we will not forget Your Word. In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross No. 298

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 95; 1-7 Common English Bible version

<sup>1</sup>Come, let's sing out loud to the LORD! Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>Let's come before him with thanks! Let's shout songs of joy to him!

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a great God, the great King over all other gods.

<sup>4</sup>The earth's depths are in His hands; the mountain heights belong to Him;

<sup>5</sup>the sea, which He made, is His along with the dry ground, which His own hands formed.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let's worship and bow down!

<sup>7</sup>He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the sheep in His hands.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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, Amen, Amen.**

**Children's Moment:** led by Nicole Robinson

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

**Scripture about what the LORD calls us:** 1 John 3:2-3

<sup>2</sup>Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when He appears we will be like Him because we'll see Him as He is.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves even as He is pure.

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering**  
*(Thank you for your generosity!)*

**Ushers:** (Susan H., Alberta M., Donna M., Trudy Q.)

"If those who gain all they can, save all they can, will likewise give all they can; then, the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven." - John Wesley

### Offertory Prayer

Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Offertory Music:** What Wondrous Love American Folk Hymn

**Doxology** **No. 95**

**Special Music:** Ain't No Grave by Bethel Music with Molly Skaggs

**Sermon:** "You are Gifted" pt 7; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

**Response to the service—The Apostles' Creed** No. 881

**Closing Hymn:** Nothing But the Blood No. 362

### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** All the People Said Amen by Matt Maher

**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 March

19th—Fred H., Chris S., Spencer Q., Daniel W.

26th—Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., Amy G.

### \*Children's Moment for March

19th—Beth H.

26th—Patty R.

### \*Greeters for March

19th—Alberta M., Joyce P.

26th—Patty R., Amy G.

### \*Communion Stewards for April 2

Paula B., Donna M., Joyce Palmer

**MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ARE NOW BEING POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE CHOIR ROOM.** We will be posting activities, schedules, etc. on this bulletin board moving forward. Please take a moment to check it out. If there is something you would like to see posted, please see Amy Garcia. thanks!

**New feature on bulletin board—Trinity's Classified Corner;** got something to sell or trade, looking for something, lost something.....let Amy know and we will post it on the bulletin board! Take a peek! (there's already something posted....wanna know what it is—check the board!!)

**Please complete a Member record update form and return to Amy Garcia's mailbox located across from the bulletin board/choir room. Blank forms are available as you enter the Fellowship Hall.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

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

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

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 13** (tomorrow); a sign up sheet is located inside the fellowship hall; please sign up if you are planning to attend. The meal cost is \$10 per person.

**Safety Team**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 4 @ 6pm.**

**Trinity Book Club**—Our next book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The ISBN number is 0736920773. We will resume our gatherings on **Monday, April 17 at 6 pm.** All are welcome to attend, and please notify the church office if you need assistance with purchasing the book.

**Administration Board Meeting**—Our next meeting is **Sunday, March 26,** immediately after the worship service.

**Women of Trinity**—The women’s meeting was successful - devotion, fellowship and a meal was shared. The group will be participating in a few upcoming projects including bereavement kits and a mission project for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe. The next meeting will be held on **April 1 @ 9am** in conjunction with a sanctuary cleaning project.

### EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

**Birthdays**—a monthly calendar listing our members birthdays of the month is posted in the hallway next to the choir room so check it out! Blank member record update forms are available as you enter the Fellowship Hall and this is how we can share birthday info!

**Spring Worship Gathering**—Monday, March 20th at 5:30 pm, come bring in the season of Spring with us on a high note by joining us for an evening of contemporary worship. We will have a visiting praise team with us to lead in worship. The team consists of David Goodman, Trevor Meade, Abby Peterson and Katie Salyers. Please help us get the word out into the community.

**Change for Children**—We are now receiving loose change to benefit children’s ministries within the Holston Conference and in other United Methodist ministries around the world. Each year, people and organizations receive these funds through grants. These grants support new and existing ministries with economically disadvantaged children from birth to age 12 and their families. If you want to donate loose change, you can place your donation in the designated buckets located throughout the church building.

**Pop-N-for-Jesus**—Our next opportunity to serve the students and staff members of Mountain Empire Community College is Wednesday, March 29th at 9 am.

**March is Women’s History Month**—We will focus more on women during the month of March. We will have a representative from the Girl Scouts on March 19.

**Community Lent Service Schedule**— Thursdays @ Noon; each service will last about 25 minutes and the host church will prepare a light lunch:

- **March 16:** First Christian Church-Wood Ave; guest preacher Rev Eddie or Bud Kilbourne of Cornerstone House of Prayer; Musical guest Ron Short
- **March 23:** Legion Memorial UMC-Powell Valley Rd; guest preacher Brother Tom Williams of Heritage Church of God; Musical guest Dennis Shuler
- **March 30: Trinity UMC;** guest preacher Rev Sandra Jones of Williams Chapel AME Zion; Musical guest Mychelle Lawson
- **April 6:** Christ Episcopal Church-Clinton Ave E; guest preacher Rev Timothy Robinson of Trinity UMC; Musical guest Leonce 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 and you can share your results with Pastor Tim. This information will help you better serve in the kingdom of God.  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

**Trinity Paint Party**—Take a stroll down the hallway to see freshly painted walls.....A BIG Thank You to those that participated!

**A Spaghetti Supper fundraiser** will be hosted by Women of Trinity group on April 16 at 12:30pm in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars and share the info! We will be posting more information as details are finalized. All proceeds will be used to furnish backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MARCH 5th:

Sunday School: 9  
In-Person Worship: 65  
Facebook: 20  
Visitors: 6

### 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 March, the requested item is Mac n Cheese.

The food item requested for March is single serve mac n cheese.



## The Trinity Companion

March 12, 2023



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