

**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:** Graves Into Gardens by Elevation Worship

### 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

\*The choir will present their Easter Cantata during next Sunday's morning worship. "The Old Rugged Cross"

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

### A Time for Prayer:

Rev. Timothy Robinson  
—Special prayers for Jennifer and Joe Powers

**Opening Hymn:** Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed No. 359

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 130 Common English Bible version

<sup>1</sup>I cry out to you from the depths, LORD—

<sup>2</sup>my LORD, listen to my voice!

<sup>3</sup>If you kept track of sins, LORD— my LORD, who would stand a chance?

<sup>4</sup>But forgiveness is with You— that's why You are honored.

<sup>5</sup>I hope, LORD. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.

<sup>6</sup>My whole being waits for my LORD- more than the night watch waits for morning; yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

<sup>7</sup>Israel, wait for the LORD! Because faithful love is with the LORD; because great redemption is with our God!

<sup>8</sup>He is the one who will redeem Israel from all its sin.

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 Patty Robbins

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

"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:** He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word Arranged by Paul Taylor

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem:** The Water is Wide

**Special Music:** O Thou, In Whose Presence

**Sermon:** "The Internal Workings of a Breakthrough Church?" Matthew 22:37-39 & 28:16-20

**Response to the service**—Altar Call, if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

**Closing Hymn:** Victory in Jesus No. 370

### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** The Blessing by Kari Jobe

**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 April

2nd— Bill W., Steve P., John H., Gary H.

9th—Alberta M., Beth H., Erin H., Donna M.

16th—Phil R., Dennis A., Steve P., Chris S.

23rd—Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., Amy G.

30th— Spencer Q., Paul C., Alberta M., Patty R.

### \*Children's Moment for April

2nd—Diane B

9th—Cindy A

16th—Fred H

23rd—Kim P

30th—Nicole R.

### \*Greeters for April

2nd—Patty R, Joyce P

9th—Alberta M, Amy G

16th—Patty R, Joyce P

23rd—Angie T, Amy G

30th—Alberta M, Patty R

### \*Communion Stewards for April 2

Paula B., Donna M., Joyce Palmer; Alberta Mitchell

### \*Communion Stewards for May 7

Amy G., Beth H., Erin H., Patty R.

**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.

**Administration Board Meeting**—Our next meeting is **today** immediately after the worship service.

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 10**; 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 11 @ 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.

**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-if you haven’t already, please take a form to complete and return to Amy Garcia.

**Spring Worship Gathering**—Monday, March 20th at 5:30 pm, what a blessing this service was! A visiting praise team consisting of David Goodman, Trevor Meade, Abby Peterson and Katie Salyers led the musical worship service.

**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.

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

- **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

**Easter Cantata**—On Sunday, April 2nd, during the worship service, we will have our annual Easter Cantata—“The Old Rugged Cross”. All are welcome to attend.

**Easter Egg Hunt**—Sunday, April 2nd @ 2 pm-weather permitting will be outside; if you’d like to help hide the eggs for the young hunters, please arrive at church by 1:30 pm.

**Baptism Sunday**—On Sunday, April 16th, during the worship service, we will be baptizing Addaleigh Blake Barton. Addaleigh is the daughter of Brandee and Stuart Barton and is the granddaughter of Paula and David Barton. Come celebrate with us as we welcome another precious child into the life of the church!

**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! The Methodist Men have volunteered for clean up duty—bring your aprons guys! All proceeds will be used to furnish backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe.

**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 fellowship hall.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MARCH 19th:

Sunday School: 8  
In-Person Worship: 57  
Facebook: 19  
Visitors: 0

### 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 26, 2023



**Matthew 28:19**

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