

**Prelude:** Everything That Has Breath by Matt Redman

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Greeting:**

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,  
**so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,  
**so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward son,  
**so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.  
**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Announcements and a letter from Jeff and Sandy Wright** (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A Time for Prayer:**

**Scripture on Prayer:** Colossians 4:2 (CEB)

<sup>2</sup>Keep on praying and guard your prayers with thanksgiving.

**Congregational Prayer**

Lord,

Help us this week to have compassion for those who fear:  
for those who are fleeing bombs and bullets,  
for those who face governments that are oppressive,  
for those who cannot worship openly, but must meet in secret.  
In our community, there are people who live with the fear of violence.

Help us to be people of refuge, who offer help and support,  
and who go the extra mile when we see people in need.  
Forgive us for the times we have been too wrapped up  
in our own fears and joys to truly see our neighbor.

Help us this week to embrace joyful living,  
be mindful of the gift of each day,  
remembering our Savior Jesus Christ  
who lives in us and through us.

Amen.

**Silent Reflection**

At this time, we invite you to join us in a 60 second moment of silence to remember those who have died in service to our country and their families and friends who are grieving their loss. Also, let us remember all those affected by the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

**Opening Hymn:** Crown Him with Many Crowns **No. 327**

**Scripture Reading;** Psalm 97 (CEB)

The LORD rules! Let the earth rejoice!  
Let all the islands celebrate!  
<sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness surround God.  
His throne is built on righteousness and justice.  
<sup>3</sup>Fire proceeds before him,  
burning up his enemies on every side.  
<sup>4</sup>His lightning lights up the world;  
the earth sees it and trembles!  
<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of the whole world!

<sup>6</sup>Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness,  
and all nations have seen his glory.

<sup>7</sup>All those who worship images,  
those who are proud of idols,  
are put to shame.

All gods bow down to the Lord!

<sup>8</sup>Zion has heard and celebrates,  
the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your acts of justice, LORD,  
<sup>9</sup>because of you, LORD, are the Most High  
over all the earth,  
because you are so superior to all other gods.

<sup>10</sup>Those of you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of his faithful ones,  
delivering them from the power of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light is planted like seed for the righteous person;  
joy too for those whose heart is right.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones!  
Give thanks to his holy name!

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

**Children's Moment:** Led by Diane Botts  
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.

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering**  
*(Thank you for giving to this Church!)*

**Ushers:** Men's Team (John H., Ruben A., Daniel W., and Dennis A.)

"God loves a cheerful giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God,  
creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us,  
in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name.  
In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Offertory Music:** In Remembrance by Fred McKinon

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

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.

**Special Music:** This I Believe (The Creed) by Ben Fielding/Matt Crocker  
duet performed by Calli & Michael

**Sermon:** "You are Approved" Acts 16:25-34

**Response to the Word:** A Statement of Faith **No. 883**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and service others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us **No. 381**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Ancient of Days by Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill

## Announcements

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

**Youth Gathering** is on Sunday at 5 pm.

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

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

**Choir Practice** is canceled for this week.

**Administrative Board Meeting will be today after the worship service.**

**Change-for-Children**—This will be the last day we will be collecting loose change for this mission. All donations received will go towards grants and ministries for children in the Holston Conference.

**Honoring our 2022 Graduates**—Thank you for helping us celebrate Andrew Holyfield and Haley Zirkle who have recently graduated from Union High School. Both students were grateful for the love and support that you showed them.

**Special Fellowship for D.S. Jeff and Sandy Wright**—Friends and family of Trinity, we thank you for all your hard and loving work in making this celebration special. I believe we gave Jeff and Sandy an experience that they will always remember. This church continues to go the extra mile to show the love of Christ to others.

**Baptism Ceremony**—Thank you all for celebrating and for attending the baptisms of Mason Vaughn and Daniel Wade. We were so pleased to see so many present and it was joyful to hear all the cheering and praises to our Lord as our brothers took a big step forward in their faith journey. Also, we want to thank Dennis Ashley for helping us with the baptismal font and we thank our creator for blessing us with a beautiful afternoon.

**Recovery Fest 2022**—Thank you all for helping us hand out cold water and for offering prayers for those in need. Thank you all for being the hands and feet of Jesus and thank you Christy Smith for arriving extra early to set-up the tent for the event.

**Next Appalachian District Superintendent**—Beginning July 2022, Rev. Jeff Lambert will be our new District Superintendent. Rev. Lambert currently services as pastor of First United Methodist Church of Sevierville, Tennessee. Jeff married his wife Tammi in 1991 and they have three children and two granddaughters. Rev. Lambert graduated from Hiwassee College, Tennessee Wesleyan University, and Asbury Theological Seminary. He has served Forkner's Chapel/Browder Memorial, Del Rio Circuit (Jones Chapel/Mulberry Gap), Oakland (Galax), St. Mark's (Louisville), Marion First, Red Bank, and Sevierville First.

Rev. Lambert is very grateful for the exacting journey God has called him to and is looking forward to this new role. His prayer is that God would fill us

with grace, mercy, love, and the power of the Holy Spirit, and that God of heaven will give us success (Nehemiah 2:20) as we offer them Christ (John Wesley).

**NOW Team**—The NOW team has purchased 10 School Kits for students in Zimbabwe for the 2022 Holston Conference Hands-On Mission Project. Each kit consists of a backpack and school supplies such as paper, erasers, pencils, pens, and an English Dictionary. The total cost of these items was \$237. The money used to purchase these items came from the NOW Team fund and you are welcome to designate money to this account at any time.

**Holston Foundation Grants**—We are blessed and fortunate to announce that Trinity UMC has received \$5,500 from the foundation's grants committee. The UPS Backpack meals will receive \$4,000 and the church media team will receive \$1,500 for the updated multimedia system that we installed a couple months ago. Help me thank Phil Robbins for his dedicated work with the UPS Backpack program and Christy Smith for requesting the grant for our media system.

On Sunday, July 31st Paul Bowman who is the president of the Holston Foundation will be visiting our church. During his visit, he will be preaching, presenting an oversized check, and after the worship service lead a small group. During the small group time, those who attend will learn more impactful ways that they can be a financial blessing to our church.

**United Methodist Men**—Our next UMM meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 6th at 7 pm. All men are invited to attend this meeting.

**Youth Sports Camp 2022**—The 2nd Annual Youth Sports Camp is June 13th-17th at the Taylor-Lewis Center in East Sone Gap. The camp is for boys and girls in 5th-8th grades and will consist of Christian-themed sports instruction with a Bible lesson each day. If you want to volunteer your services, register a child, or sponsor a child please talk to Pastor Tim.

**Blessing Box**—We are grateful that Daniel Goodman installed a blessing food box on our church property. We pray that he will achieve his going in becoming an eagle scout. If you want to leave any items in the blessing box, you can fill the box with the suggested items: Canned food with ring-pulls, socks, mittens, hand warmers, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, and hand soap.

### UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School During the months of June and July, cash donations will be taken to stock the pantry for the start of school.

Cash donations are worth \$.12 more on the dollar due to tax exemption plus ability to buy in bulk.



## The Trinity Companion May 29, 2022 Fifth Sunday

He rejoiced  
along with  
his entire  
household  
that he had  
believed  
in God.

Acts 16:34, ESV

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