

Trinity United Methodist Church

June 28, 2020

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Call to Worship

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—

Tell us, where in the Law does Moses speak of Jesus, the Messiah?

Listen to Deuteronomy 18; “The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so.”

Are we to dispossess nations?

Listen to what the Lord says: “**15** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

Who did God raise up?

Hear the Good News: Jesus suffered. Jesus Died. God raised Jesus up from the dead.

We suffer. We die. How can this be Good News?

Listen to what the Lord says, **16** For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.” (Exodus 20: 18-19)

17 The Lord said to me: “What they say is good. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. **19** I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name.

46 (His name is) Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”

Come and see Jesus who suffered, died, and rose again.

Hymn of Preparation

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord
Who came to save
The heart and soul
Of every man

It is you Lord
Who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength,
With thine own hand.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Prayer of Humility

Lord, the sanctuary of Trinity UMC comes to Life the moment we enter.
We enter anticipating Jesus' invitation. We are invited to come and see Jesus.
How may we come and see Jesus? Our hearts are distracted with suffering!
How may we come and see Jesus? Our minds are busy discerning right and wrong!
How may we come and see Jesus? Our souls are cast down. There are moments that life is the pits!

The Lord is Peace, give him all your heart!
The Lord is Merciful, give him all your mind!
The Lord descended to the pit, give him all your soul.

Thanksgiving changes the heart, mind, and soul! Giving thanks in all things makes us a living sanctuary for God!

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: From the Liturgy of Baptism!!!

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into the PIT; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from
thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Reading of the Prophet Micah 4:

Many nations will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3

He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

4

Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

5

All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God for ever and ever.

Reading of the Gospel of John

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. **45** Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.
“Come and see,” said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: He Touched Me

Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole.

Message: Change the Tree You Sit Beneath

Tithes and Offerings

Our tithes and offerings are physical and spiritual. The physical care for physical needs. The spiritual tithes and offerings offer mercy, grace, and unconditional love to those who enter. Or presence bearing shame, guilt, and blame. We face a physical crisis. The body cannot live on physical things alone. When you give physical things give thanks that you have made space in your spirit to receive the depth of God's love.

You may give financial gifts through your local bank via auto draft. A secure drop box is in the alley between the Church Building and the Toney's Home. Mail it to Trinity UMC, 203 E 1st St S, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

At the close of the service we are dismissed by rows. Maintaining Social Distancing you may place it in the Offering Plate on the Lord's Table.

Benediction

When the Holy Spirit shows you, you are setting beneath the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil eating the fruit of temptation, Rejoice and give thanks. God has seen your fear and answered your need for a deliverer like Moses. God has Raise up Messiah, out of sin and death, to walk with you and talk with you. Do not run, hide, or delay the Holy Spirit leads you to let the tempting Tree of Knowledge. Let it be and He will deliver you to the Cross. There we learn to Let Go. Amen