

*This week's liturgical color is green which symbolizes our time for growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. This season which is known as "ordinary time" starts after Pentecost and ends at the Christmas season.*

**Prelude:** I Lift My Hands by Chris Tomlin

### 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.

### Call to Worship

Open our ears  
**to hear your word.**  
Open our eyes  
**to see your presence.**  
Open our arms  
**to the embrace of community.**  
Open our minds  
**to the beauty of truth.**  
Open our hearts  
**to the joy of new life.**

**Announcements and Highlights from out last Board Meeting** (\*noted within the bulletin)

### A Time for Prayer:

**Scripture on Prayer:** Psalm 69:13 (CEB)

<sup>13</sup>But me? My prayer reaches you, LORD,  
at just the right time.  
God, in your great and faithful love,  
answer me with your certain salvation

### Congregational Prayer on Stewardship

Father,  
giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.  
We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus name.  
Amen.

**Laity and Pastoral Prayer:** Back-to-school prayer for students, parents, and teachers

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

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 107:1-9 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup>"Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever!"  
<sup>2</sup>That's what those who are redeemed by the LORD say,  
the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,  
<sup>3</sup>the ones God gathered from various countries,  
from east and west, north and south.  
<sup>4</sup>Some of the redeemed had wandered into the desert, into the  
wasteland.  
They couldn't find their way to a city or town.  
<sup>5</sup>They were hungry and thirsty;  
their lives were slipping away.  
<sup>6</sup>So they cried out to the LORD in their distress,  
and God delivered them from their desperate circumstances.  
<sup>7</sup>God let them straight to human habitation.  
<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his faithful love  
and his wondrous works for all people,  
<sup>9</sup>because God satisfied the one who was parched with thirst,  
and he filled up the hungry with good things!

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:** 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 your generosity!)*

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

*In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than receive," (Acts 20:35)*

**Offertory Prayer:**

Heavenly Father,  
you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a

fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Offertory Music:** The Potter's Hand by Darlene Zscheck, arranged by Phillip Keveren

**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:** Picking Up the Pieces and One Pair of Hands (Dennis A.)

**Sermon:** "Living a Merciful Life" Luke 21:1-4 by Paul Bowman

**Response to the Word:** The Apostles Creed **No. 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker 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, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose 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 quick 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 of life everlasting. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** Rescue the Perishing **No. 591**

### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

**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 our the lighted candlelighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

## Announcements

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

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

**Fellowship Meal and Seminar with Paul Bowman**—After the service this morning, we will have a fellowship meal and you are invited to stay with us. After everyone gets served, Holston Foundation President Paul Bowman will be sharing information about how we can leave a legacy to the church.

**Jonesville Camp Meeting**—The camp meeting is from Sunday August 7th through Wednesday August 10th at 7 pm nightly. D. S. Jeff Lambert is this year's speaker.

**Administrative Board Meeting**—Our next meeting is Sunday August 7th starting at 12:05 pm.

**United Methodist Men**—Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th at 6 pm. Our guest speaker is Zach Moore who was the 2021 VHSCA Class 2 Coach of the Year who led the Union Bears to their first state basketball title in 2021. All men are welcome to attend. Please bring \$10 to pay for the meal.

**Trinity UMC Security Team**—Our first meeting is at 6 pm on Thursday August 11th.

**Deadline for submitting names and pictures for Homecoming**—If you desire to submit names and pictures of your loved one who passed away, we ask that you do so by Friday August 12th.

### \*\*\*\*\*Holston Home for Children\*\*\*\*\*

Some of the children who live at Holston Home had never been to church or heard about God before they went there to live. You can witness to them by helping to provide their care in a loving, Christian environment. Holston Home is making a difference for these children.

Today, we will receive the **Fifth Sunday Offering** for Holston Home. If you want to help make a difference in the lives of children who need someone to believe in them and someone in whom they can believe, you can do so by your generous gift to this ministry. Thank you for sharing! Remember how Jesus lived the children.

### Mailing Addresses of our long distant friends and members:

- Bill and Judy Cole  
100A Varne Circle  
Farmville, VA 23901
- Sandra Marshall  
547 Callaway Court  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

### \*Communion Stewards for Sunday, August 7, 2022

Cindy Ashley, Dennis Ashley, Paul Clark, and Kim Parsons

### \*Children's Moment for the month of August

7th—Timothy Robinson  
14th—Kim Parsons  
21st—Beth Hagan  
28th—Patty Robbins

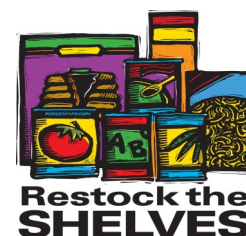
**Flower Arrangement**—Today's flowers are placed in loving memory of Jackie Witt Mainous by her brother, Ted Witt II, and his wife, Velma; niece Susanna Hauk and her family; and nephew Ted C. Witt and his family.

*Today's color bulletin is in loving memory of Dean Bieber and Jackie Mainous.*

### 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.

The food item for August is Soup. The requested flavors are Chicken Noodle or Tomato.



## The Trinity Companion July 31, 2022 Stewardship Sunday



Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.

☞ Luke 21: 3-4

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