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:** God is Good All the Time by on Moen

#### **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 worshiping community.

#### Greeting

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name! We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!
Our souls cannot be silent!
O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

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

#### A Time for Prayer:

Scripture on Prayer: Proverbs 3:5-6 (CEB)

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence. <sup>6</sup>Know him in all your paths, and he will keep your ways straight.

#### **Congregational Prayer for the Church**

O gracious God, we pray for your holy Church universal, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in err, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again,

and ever lives to make intercession for us. Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. AMEN.

**Opening Hymn:** O Worship the King **No.** 73

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. <sup>2</sup>He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remian in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. <sup>6</sup>If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my word remains in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

This is the word of God for the people of God, Thanks be to GOD!

# Gloria Patri

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 Pastor Tim

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 (Ruben A., Paul C., Dennis A., and Dana B.))

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 then receive," (Acts 20:35)

#### **Offertory Prayer:**

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

Offertory Music: Just As I Am arranged by Greg Howlett

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:** Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Hillsong United performed by Calli & Michael

**Sermon:** "Take a Step of Faith" Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Response to the Word: A Service of Word and Table No. 12-14 Communion Stewards: Cindy & Dennis Ashley, Paul Clark, and Kim Parsons

Communion Music: Be Still My Soul arranged by Greg Howlett

Closing Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus No. 526

Benediction

No. 70

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 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.

No Choir Practice this week.

**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 immediately after the service in the church sanctuary.

**Flooding Response**—After this morning's service, the NOW team will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall to work on disaster relief projects for those affected by the recent flooding in our area. If you are interested, you are welcome to stay to help.

**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, and who lead 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. If you are interested, you are welcome to attend.

**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.

Homecoming 2022—It is that time of year again when we invite our friends and family members to come worship with us for homecoming. This year, Rev. Terry Goodman, who currently serves as Conference Secretary/Director of Clergy Services in Alco, TN, will be delivering the message. As most of you know, Terry served as pastor here at Trinity UMC. Also, Dr. Marshall Sherles will be sharing his testimony with us about how God began to work in his life while attending Trinity UMC as a child. Marshall and his wife, Lynn, are founders of King's Chalice Ministries. After our event-filled service, we will have a wonderful fellowship meal organized by Kathleen Gillespie.

#### 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

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

14th—Kim Parsons

21th—Beth Hagan

28th—Patty Robbins

#### \*Offering Stewards for August 2022

14th—Alberta M., Pat B., Sandra R., and Lana P. 21st—Spencer Q., Phil R., John R., and Dennis A. 28th—Amy G., Lana P., Susie W., and Joyce P.

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There will be a 93rd Birthday Luncheon at Curklin's for Kathleen on Monday August 8th at 12:30 pm. No gift is wanted except for your presence and the chance to fellowship. Each person will be responsible for the purchase of their meal.

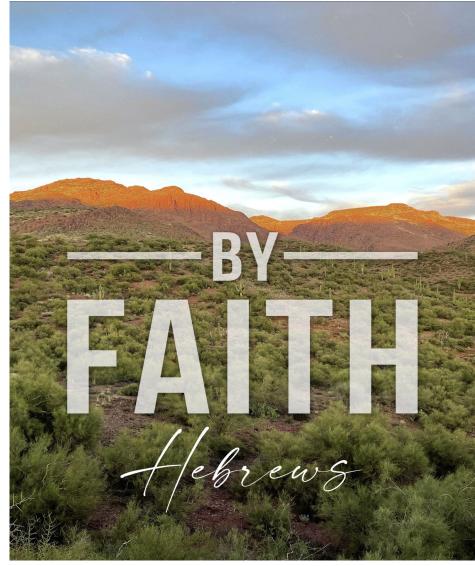
# **UPS Back Pack Program**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of August the requested item is Soup.

Restock the SHELVES

The requested flavors are Chicken Noodle or Tomato. Please make sure that the cans have the pop top lids.

# The Trinity Companion August 7, 2022



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