

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: Give Thanks by Henry Smith

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.

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

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

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture to encourage you in the faith: Romans 8:26-27

²⁶In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. ²⁷The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleases for the saints, consistent with God's will.

Laity Prayer

Opening Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord

No. 382

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 CEB

¹Living in the Most High's shelter,
camping in the Almighty's shade,
²I say to the LORD, "You are my refuge, my stronghold!
You are my God—the one I trust!"
³God will save you from the hunter's trap
and from the deadly sickness.
⁴God will protect you with his pinions;
you'll find refuge under his wings.
His faithfulness is a protective shield.
⁵Don't be afraid of terrors at night,
arrows that fly in daylight,
⁶or sickness that prowls in the dark,
destruction that ravages at noontime.

¹⁴God says, "Because you are devoted to me,
I'll rescue you.
I'll protect you because you know my name.

¹⁵Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.
I'll be with you in troubling times.
I'll save you and glorify you.
¹⁶I'll fill you full with old age.
I'll show you my salvation."

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.
Amen. Amen.

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!)

We are projected to meet our 2022 budget goals

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

⁶What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop.

⁷Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus,
As you fed 5,000 from the gifts of a young boy,
we pray that you will transform our gifts to spiritually
feed many spiritually hungry people through the ministry
and mission of the church.
AMEN.

Offertory Music: For the Beauty of the Earth arranged by Greg Howlett

Doxology:

He will
cover you
with his
feathers,
and under
his wings
you will
find refuge

PSALM 91:4, NIV

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.

Anthem: Come, Thou Fount

Sermon: "Bottom of the Sea" Micah 7:14-20 Rob Moore

Response to Worship : A Modern Affirmation

No. 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth,**

In Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Closing: Nearer, My God, to Thee

No. 528

Benediction

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

Postlude: Song of Hope (Argentine Folk Melody)

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 candle lighter. 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.

Trinity Book Club is on Monday at 6 pm. The book discussion is based on the text "Enemies of the Heart" by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

Trinity UMC Flooding Response—Help me thank Angela Clendenon, Dennis Ashley, and the Valley Volunteer Fire Department for partnering with us in sending supplies to our neighbors in Kentucky who have been impacted by the recent flooding. Boxes of school supplies, tools, and cleaning supplies have been sent which have valued in the thousands. May the Lord continue to bless and uplift all who have been negatively impacted by the flooding.

(Postponed) Baptism of Aria Faith Zirkle—The baptism of Aria Faith Zirkle has been postponed due to illness. We will inform you when the baptism will take place at a later date. Aria is the daughter of Katie and Cody Zirkle and the granddaughter of Diane & Bob Botts and Debra & Sam Zirkle.

(Postponed and will be Rescheduled at a later date) Trinity UMC Mini Golf Tournament—The tournament that was scheduled for this afternoon will be rescheduled for a later date. At that time, we invited you to meet us at the Big Stone Gap Golf in Frog Level for an afternoon of food, fun, and competition. The admission is \$7. Let's see who will get the best score. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Ashley.

Pop "N" for Jesus—Our next service day is Friday, September 28th at 9 am. We will be at Mountain Empire Community College.

World Communion Sunday—During the worship service on Sunday October 2nd, we will be observing World Communion Day. This is a good time for us to reflect on the needs of brothers and sisters around the world and to realize that we are a part of the church universal and that all believers of Christ are working towards the same goals. Some of the goals are to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to wait for the return of Christ with great anticipation.

United Methodist Men—The next gathering and meal is Monday October 3rd at 6 pm. More details will be available soon.

UMM Benefit Pancake Breakfast—The breakfast is Saturday October 8th. If you wish to volunteer, you are welcome to help us. Also, tickets are available and each meal is \$6.

Blessing of the Animals—For the second year, we will have a blessing of the animals service on Sunday October 9th at 2 pm. All are welcome to bring their pets to the service. Our friends from Far Fetched Grooming and Boarding will be with us to give us grooming tips and support.

A Blessing of the Animals witnesses to God's and Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. The service is a special appeal to those who love animals.

District Day with the Bishop—This year, we are honored to host Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett for District Day 2020 here at Trinity UMC. The gathering will be Wednesday October 12th at 3:30 pm. During her time with us, she will give a presentation, lead us in worship, and will serve communion. This will be a good time for all to meet our new bishop and to ask questions that you may have. All are welcome to attend this event.

Trinity Youth Sponsorship Opportunity—The Youth are already preparing to travel to Resurrection in January 2023. As many of you know, this is the largest expense that the Youth incur. One way to assist the youth with fundraising for the trip is to sponsor a youth to attend Resurrection. The cost is approximately \$150 per student to attend. This amount covers their lodging, transportation, ticket to the event, and six meals (Friday-Sunday). If you would like to sponsor a youth for Resurrection, please speak with Christy Smith (Youth Director).

NOW Team Meeting—The NOW Team will be meeting today following the worship service. If you are interested in the Nurturing, Outreach, and Worship ministries of the church, please consider attending. We will be working on some calendar items/events and discussing a few other topics. There is no set list of members of this team. It is open to all who wish to serve.

Fall Rummage Sale—The Fall Rummage Sale has been set for October 3rd – 7th.

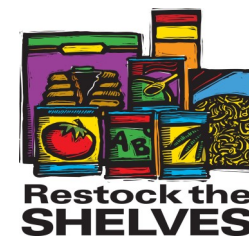
Highlights from our last Board Meeting

- To enhance the security team's ability to create a safe worship environment for us, the Board approved to purchase six (6) Motorola radios with multiple features for \$2,365. Features include a multi-unit charger and earpieces. The team will also be obtaining quotes to purchase new door locks for the exterior doors.
- The church received \$1000 which the donor requested to be used for the nursery. The Board approved the creation of a Nursery Fund under the designated fund category.
- Treasure Joyce Palmer reported that the church is currently meeting the 2022 budget
- The Board has decided not to move forward with the purchase of the former District parsonage which is located adjacent to our church parsonage.
- The board has approved to have a designated area within the church to collect and store excess items that will be placed in the Blessing Box.
- The Youth Group will be relaunching soon and they will be engaging in fundraising. If you have any questions, contact Christy Smith.

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 September the requested item is Chef Boy Ardee.

The requested types are SpaghettiOs or Ravioli. Please make sure that the cans have the pop top lids.



The Trinity Companion September 25, 2022



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