

*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:** All Creatures of Our God and King by St. Francis of Assisi

### 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

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

<sup>26</sup>In 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. <sup>27</sup>The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleases for the saints, consistent with God's will.

### Pastoral Prayer

**Opening Hymn:** Stand Up and Bless the Lord

No. 662

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 66:1-12 CEB read by Caitlyn Shell

<sup>1</sup>Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>Sing praises to the glory of God's name!  
Make glorious his praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God:

"How awesome are your works!  
Because of your great strength,  
your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you,  
sings praises to your name!" *Selah*

<sup>5</sup>Come and see God's deeds;  
his works for human beings are awesome:

<sup>5</sup>He turned the sea into dry land  
so they could cross the river on foot.  
Right there we rejoice in him!

<sup>7</sup>God rules with power forever;  
keeps a good eye on the nations.

So don't let the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup>All you nations, bless our God!

Let the sound of his praise be heard!

<sup>9</sup>God preserved us among the living;  
he didn't let our feet slip a bit.

<sup>10</sup>But you, God, have tested us  
you have refined us like silver,

<sup>11</sup>trapped us in a net,  
laid burdens on our backs,

<sup>12</sup>let other people run right over our heads  
we've been through fire and water.

But you brought us out to freedom!

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 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!)*

**We are projected to meet our 2022 budget goals**

**Ushers:** Men's Team (Dennis A., Daniel W., Dana B., and Gary H.)

<sup>6</sup>*What 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.*

<sup>7</sup>*Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart.*

*They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>God 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

**Offertory Music:** All Things Bright and Beautiful arranged by Terri Hutchings

### 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.

**Anthem:** Prayer of St. Francis

**Sermon:** "God Bless Big Stone Gap" Jeremiah 29:4-7

**Response to Worship :** A Modern Affirmation

No. 885

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 the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** Let There Be Peace on Earth

No. 431

### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** Let Everything That Has Breath by Matt Redman

**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.

PSALM 66:2, NIV



## 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.

**Blessing of the Animals**—For the second year, we will have a blessing of the animals service this afternoon at 2 pm. All are welcome to bring their pets to the service.

A blessing of the animals witnesses to God's and the 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.

**United Methodist Men**—No meeting for the month of October. We will resume our gathering in November.

**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.

**Daniel Goodman's Eagle Scout Recognition**—On Sunday, October 16th, during the worship service, we will have a recognition and presentation for Daniel who will be receiving Eagle Scout honors. Our friend and brother, Chris Higgins, will be with us to present the honors.

**Baptism of Noah Charles Robinson**—On Sunday, October 16th, during the worship service, Noah will be baptized.

**Administrative Board Meeting**—No meeting for the month of October. We will resume our gathering in November.

**NOW Team**—The team donated \$300 to help feed those who volunteered their time and services to install smoke alarms in Wise County. A total of 65 smoke alarms were installed in homes.

## Offering Stewards for October 2022

October 16—Cecilia R., Pat B., Alberta M., and Lana P.  
October 23—Spencer Q., Steve P., Fred H., and Ruben A.  
October 30—Patty R., Amy G., Joyce P., and Susan H.

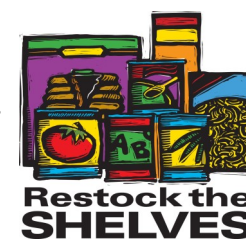
## Children's Moment for the month of October

October 16—Kim P.  
October 23—Paul C.  
October 30—Cindy A.

## UPS Back Pack Program

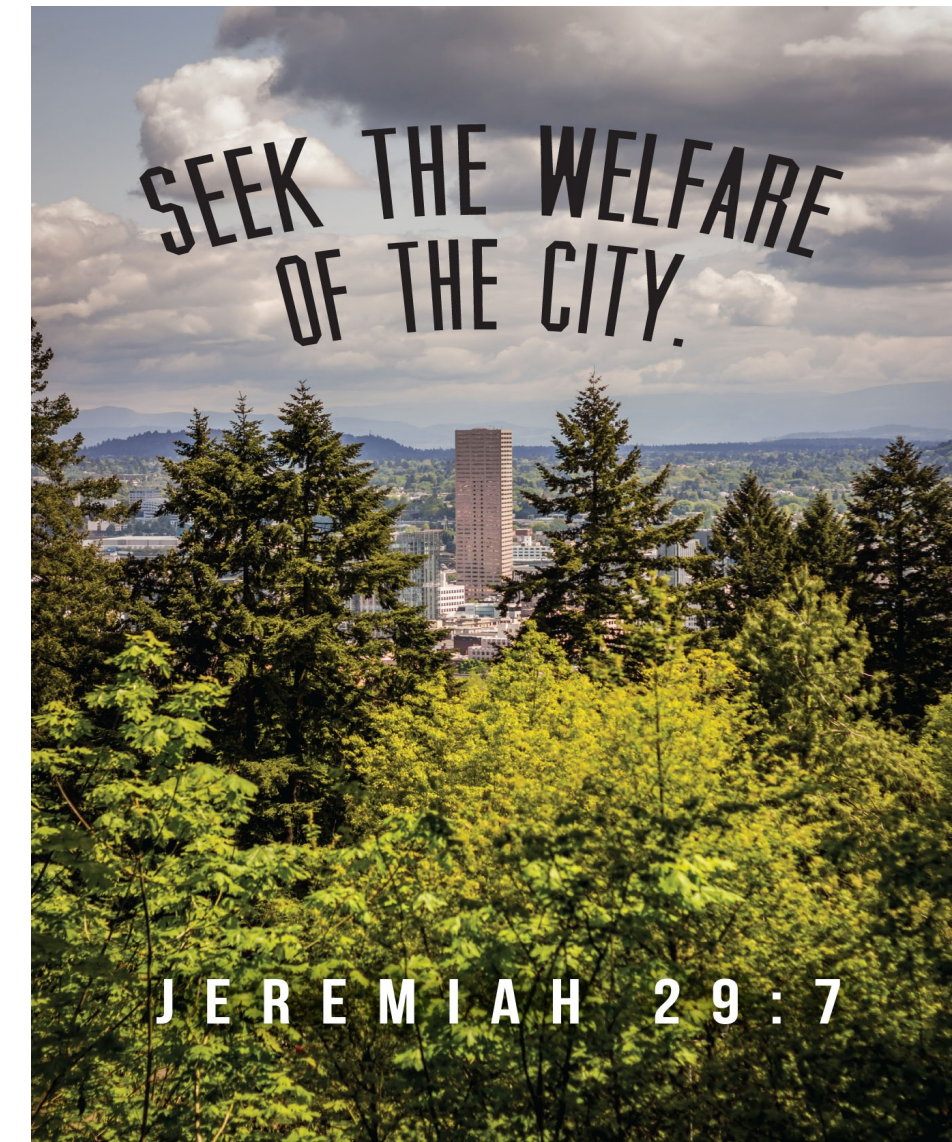
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of October the requested item is Ramen Noodle.

The requested flavors are Chicken or Beef.



## The Trinity Companion

October 9, 2022



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