

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: House of the Lord by Phil Wickham

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

Special Selection from Trinity UMC Choir

Announcements (*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 pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will.

Pastoral Prayer

Opening Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

No. 133

Scripture Reading: Psalm 65 CEB

¹God of Zion, to you even silence is praise.

Promises made to you are kept—

²you listen to prayer—

and all living things come to you.

³When wrongdoings become too much for me, you forgive our sins.

⁴How happy is the one you choose to bring close, the one who lives in your courtyards!

We are filled full by the goodness of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵In righteousness you answer us,

by your awesome deeds,

God of our salvation—

you, who are the security

of all the far edges of the earth,

even the distant seas.

⁶You establish the mountains by your strength; you are dressed in raw power.

⁷You calm the roaring seas;
calm the roaring waves,
calm the noise of the nations.

⁸Those who dwell on the far edges
stand in awe of your acts.

You make the gateways
of morning and evening sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and make it abundant,
enriching it greatly
by God's stream, full of water.

You provide people with grain
because that is what you've decided.

¹⁰Drenching the earth's furrows,
leveling its ridges,
you soften it with rain showers;
you bless its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness;
your paths overflow with rich food.

¹²Even the desert pastures drip with it,
and the hills are dressed in pure joy.

¹³The meadowlands are covered with flocks,
the valleys decked out in grain—
they shout for joy:
they break out in song!

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 Paul Clark
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!)

"God loves a cheerful Giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Ushers: Men's Team (Spencer Q., Steve P., Fred H., and Ruben A.)

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music: His Eye is On the Sparrow 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.

Anthem: Mighty Deep Well

Sermon: "Position Yourself for the Great One!" Luke 18:9-14

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 by come upon the earth.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: He Touched Me

No. 367

Benediction

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

Postlude: Go Ye Into All the World by James McGranagan

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.

Charge Conference—Thank you to the following people for attending Charge Conference last week: Kim Parsons, Christy Smith, Joyce Palmer, and Alberta Mitchell.

Pop “n” for Jesus—Our next visit to bring smiling faces, popcorn, and oatmeal cakes to the students and staff members at Mountain Empire Community College is Wednesday October 26th beginning at 9 am. If you have any questions, please talk to Betty Fleenor.

Laity Sunday and all Saints Day—On Sunday, October 30th, the lay leaders of the church will oversee the worship service.

Trunk or Treat—If you need a place to hand out candy, you are welcome to join us here at the church on Monday October 31st starting at 4 pm.. Parking will be given on a first come basis and you may want to prepare for candy for 600+ kids.

New Member and Baptism Classes—If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity United Methodist Church or being baptized, Pastor Tim will be offering classes in the month of November. If you have any further questions, please contact Tim.

Youth Spotlight—On Sunday October 16th, Natalie Shell was inducted into the National Jr. Beta Club! Natalie is a rising star and we look forward to watching her grow! Keep up the awesome work!

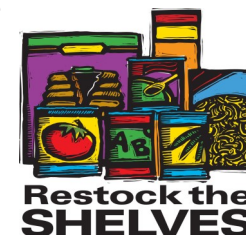
Pastor Appreciation Pot Luck—The SPPRC will be hosting a Fellowship Pot Luck on Sunday October 30th following the worship service. There will be a basket available for gifts, cards, and well wishes for Pastor Timothy. Everyone is invited! Please come for fellowship and good food.

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 food item for November will be Breakfast Bars. Requested flavors are Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry.



The Trinity Companion October 23, 2022



... the river of God
is full of water ...

Psalm 65:9, NRSV



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