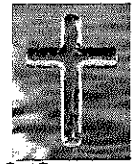


Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 12, 2025 – 10:00 am



Prelude MaryRose Clark
 Choral Introit "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Chancel Choir
 Welcome Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water
People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
 Leader: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."
People: And all who worship shout out, "Glory."
 Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
All: Let us worship God in splendor.

*** Praise Singing** Celebration Praise Band
"By Faith"
"Another Hallelujah"

Ministry Opportunities Rev. Erica Munoz

Children's Time

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Hymn of Preparation *"Baptized in Water"* Insert

The Message *"Why Baptism?"*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Ministry of Music Anthem *"I Surrender All"*

Doxology

Offering Prayer

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons born in the waters of baptism by the Power of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen

Reaffirmation of Baptism

*** Closing Hymn** *"Amazing Grace"* 378

Benediction

Choral Benediction *"Shalom to You"*

Postlude



*Please stand if you are able Our acolyte this morning is Grayson Lubkiewicz

The flowers on the altar are given by Ann & Andy Hibler in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Lewis Blessing and Mr. & Mrs. Milton Hibler. The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Liliana Grace Risley, daughter of Matthew & Madilyn Risley, granddaughter of Jim & Michele Risley.

Prayer Concerns

Jerry Amari, Dick Netel, Joe Bristow, Scott David, Stephanie Haley, Bette P., John P., Gladys Golder, Rosemary Robertson, Craig Good, Julius Somogyi, Mollie Miller, Pam Davis, Leah Vondette, Rick Oritz, Rob, Connie Brodine, Stanley Jawbowski, Audrey Morelli, Scott Savokinas, Candace, David Izatt, Arthur & Jean Koenig, Brett Nicholas, Annette Munley, Anita Gizzo, Jack Bozzuffi, Kristel Kirk, Darlene Meeh, Candice, Sarah Hergert, Paul Wells, Marry, Tony, Carol Ann, Linda, Colleen, Stewart, Susan & Doug Manhire, George & Ellen Layton, Erica H., Nathan, Marie Savokinas, Claude & Nancy Buchman, Matthew Lott, Sue Bernard, Ted Ziegert, Tom & Ginny Thorp, Terry & Donald Perrine, Gary Valentine, Anthony Pami, Meghan MacDonald, Matthew McKinnon, Abigail Brown, Linda Blazier, Bradley, Meghan W., Clark Tesh, Danny

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSVue)

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSVue)

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Pastoral Team

Rev. Erica Munoz – Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos – Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation & Discipleship

Rev. Donald Gebhard – Pastor of Community Engagement

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By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove
His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in
Their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him
Our soul's reward
Till the race is finished
And the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah
Would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin
And death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach
Good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things
Are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

Another Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen / Lincoln Brewster
2005 Integrity Music

I love You, Lord, with all my heart,
You've given me a brand new start.
I just want to sing this song to You
Well, it goes like this, the fourth, the fifth,
The minor fall and the major lift,
My heart and soul are praising
Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Well I know that You're the God above,
You're filling me with grace and love
Now I just want to say "thank you"
to You.
You've pulled me from the miry clay,
You've given me a brand new day,
Now all that I can say is Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

I love You, Lord, with all my heart,
You've given me a brand new start.
I just want to sing this song to You
You've pulled me from the miry clay,
You've given me a brand new day,
Now all that I can say is Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION

Baptized in Water

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1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his



prom - ise, faith-ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
giv - en, thank-ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.

WORDS: Michael Saward (Rom. 6:3-5)

MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody

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Amazing Grace

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
 in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Cherokee

OOH NAY THLA NAH, HEE OO WAY GEE.
 E GAH GWOO YAH HAY EE.
 NAW GWOO JOE SAH, WE YOU LOW SAY,
 E GAH GWOO YAH HO NAH.

Navajo

NIZHÓNÍGO JOOBA' DITTS' A'
 YISDÁSHÍTÍNÍGÍ,
 LAH YÓÓÍYÁ, K'AD SHÉNÁHOOSDZIN,
 DOO EESH'ÍÍ DA NT'ÉÉ.

Kiowa

DAW K'EE DA HA DAWTSAHY HE TSOW'HAW
 DAW K'EE DA HA DAWTSAHY HEE.
 BAY DAWTSAHY TAW, GAW AYM OW THAH T'AW,
 DAW K'EE DA HA DAWTSAHY H'EE.

Creek

PO YA FEK CHA HE THLAT AH TET
 AH NON AH CHA PA KAS
 CHA FEE KEE O FUNNAN LA KUS
 UM E HA TA LA YUS.

Choctaw

SHILOMBISH HOLITOPA MA!
 ISHMMINTI PULLA CHA
 HATAK ILBUSHIA PIA HA
 IS PI YUKPALASHKE.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon.; phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa,
 Creek, Choctaw as sung in Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; Navajo phonetic
 transcription by Albert Tsosi (1 Chr. 17:16-17)

AMAZING GRACE
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Announcements

Worship Attendance

Jan4/5	In Person	Facebook Peak Views
5:00	67	3
10:00	159	54

Please note that online numbers represent devices.

-Nursery Care – Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be providing Nursery Care for the foreseeable future.

-Reminder – If you give electronically and have increased your pledge for 2025 you will need to adjust your donation. If you need help doing this, please call Bob Sasena at the church office at 908-852-3020.

-Special Coffee Fellowship - Join the United Methodist Men in Starr Hall after worship on **January 12th** for some delicious treats, coffee and fellowship! The UMM have a breakfast each month with a speaker, support scholarships for our youth and collect clothing for our Midnight Run, among many other things. Come meet them while enjoying some delicious treats.

-Greetings Ministry ~ TODAY – Come to the Greetings Ministry table in Room 401/Starr Hall. We have cards and the names of people who need a friendly, caring greeting from Trinity. Just sit down for a few minutes and write a note of compassion and hope. You may know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting.

-Senior Social – Join us for fellowship and activities with other seniors. Coffee and a snack will be provided. Bring your friends. There is always lots of time for conversation, fun and games. We will meet in Trinity House on **Thursday, January 16th** from 1:15 - 2:45pm.

-Hoagie Sale - The United Methodist Men are having their 18th Annual Hoagie Sale. You may order your hoagie through Sunday, February 2nd using Just Say Yes#3. Hoagies will be available for pick up, by on Saturday, February 8th at SNW, or Sunday, February 9th from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. For only \$10.00 you have a choice of one of two hoagies, with or without onions. All profits go to the Mathias Torgersen Scholarship Fund.

-Soup Donations Requested - The United Women in Faith will be holding a Soup Sale on February 23rd. If you would like to donate your signature soup to this event, please let us know. We supply the quart containers and labels. Please use Just Say Yes #4 to let us know what type of soup you would like to make and how many quarts you would like to provide. Any questions please reach out to Pat Riegler at patriegler@gmail or Cheryl Provence-VanHorn at mat2540@gmail.com.

-United Women in Faith Gathering- Join us on Saturday, February 1st from 9:00 – 11:00 am in Starr Hall for Chair Yoga! Instructor Elizabeth Stroppa, a registered yoga instructor with over 10,000 teaching hours and teaches both public and private classes, will be guiding us through a yoga session. For the past seven years, she has been teaching chair yoga classes for the Warren County Department of Aging, as well as local senior clubs. You do not have to have prior chair yoga experience to participate! Please use Just Say Yes #5 to let us know you will attend. Healthy snacks and water will be provided. We ask all who attend to consider bringing a donation of diapers that will be given to the food pantry. While all sizes are welcome, we could especially use sizes 3 – 6.

-MLK Day of Service Stream Cleanup - Monday, January 20, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Join the Musconetcong Watershed Association as they honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day and participate in this National Day of Service with a litter cleanup along the stream behind us, a tributary to the Musconetcong River. Please help prevent litter from entering our waterways! MWA will provide gloves and bags, so you just need to come dressed for the weather. We will be cleaning up along the streambank, so try to wear sturdy boots—or waders if you have them! Please use this link <https://forms.gle/oajSmmNks7ruZ8np8> to let them know you will participate.

-Prayer Shawl Ministry - Do you know someone that is ill or could use the comfort of a handmade blessed Prayer Shawl? You are welcome to help yourself to one from the container over the coatrack in the Rotunda.

-Edible Blessings - Do you know someone that could use the comfort of a homemade meal? This could be for any reason. There are meals made by the Edible Blessings team in the freezer in the office building. Just stop by during office hours and pick up one or two or three to deliver to anyone who might need one.

-Hands to Hearts - As the weather is getting colder, Hands to Hearts is preparing to again provide hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to those in need. Through your generous donations, our Trinity family was able to provide over 375 pieces of winter outerwear to our community last winter. In conjunction with the Prayer Shawl ministry, we are accepting donations of hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves. (Hand-made or purchased) We are also very happy to accept yarn and gift cards to purchase materials. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

This Week at Trinity January 13 - 19

Monday	1:00 pm	Rotunda	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 pm	Music Room	Littlest Angels
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Room 104	On Bended Knee
	6:00 pm	TH Room 400	Stamping Angels
	7:00 pm	ASP	Room 104
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Zoom	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
	9:00 am	TH Room 401	Wednesday Bible Study
	10:30 am	Blue Room	Staff Meeting
	4:00 pm	Lower Level	After School Program/English Conversation
	5:30 pm	Starr Hall	Community Dinner
	6:00 pm	Upper Room	Youth Ministry
	7:00 pm	Music Room	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	KidZone	Trustees
	7:00 pm	Blue Room	Thrift Shop Advisory
	10:00 am	Zoom	Centering Prayer
	1:15 pm	Trinity House	Senior Social
	7:00 pm	Music Room	Agape Ringers
	7:00 pm	Music Room	Celebration Praise Band
Saturday	8:00 am	Room 103	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	1:00 pm	Rotunda	Sew & Sews
	8:45 am	KidZone	Experiencing the Heart of Jesus
	8:45 am	KidZone	Mothers & Daughters of the Bible
	9:00 am	Lower Level	KidVenture
	9:00 am	Upper Room	Church School
	9:00 am	Room 304	Confirmation
	11:00 am	Starr Hall	Fellowship Time
	11:15 am	Room 104	Sunday Morning Bible Study
	12:30 pm	Rotunda	Movie & Discussion – Self Made
5:00 pm	Upper Room	Youth Sunday Social	
	7:00 pm	Starr Hall	Pickleball

Just Say Yes - Opportunities To Serve

1. **Ushers** – We are in need of ushers for our 10:00 am Sunday worship services.

_____ Yes, I would like to occasionally usher on Sundays at the 10:00 worship service.

2. **Movie and Discussion** – Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker – tells the story of an African American washerwoman’s rise from poverty to build a beauty empire and become the first female self-made millionaire. Rated MA. The movie will be shown on **Sunday, January 19th** at 12:30 in the Rotunda. Feel free to bring your lunch.

_____ Yes, I/we plan to attend Self Made on January 19th.

3. **UMM Hoagie Sale** – Orders will be taken through Sunday, February 2nd. Hoagies will be available for pickup Saturday, February 9th at SNW or Sunday, February 10th between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. Each hoagie is \$10 with all profits going to the Mathias Torgersen Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to “Trinity UMC” with “UMM Hoagies” on the memo line.

_____ Italian Hoagie (onion)

_____ Turkey and Cheese (onion)

_____ Italian Hoagie (no onion)

_____ Turkey and Cheese (no onion)

Number Hoagies _____ x \$10 = _____ (total)

Pickup: Saturday (2/8) _____ Sunday (2/9) _____

4. **Soup Donations Requested** – The United Women in Faith will be holding a Soup Sale on Sunday, February 23rd. If you would like to donate your signature soup to this event, please let us know. We supply the quart containers and labels. Any questions please reach out to Pat Riegler at patdriegler@gmail.com or Cheryl Provence-VanHorn at mat2540@gmail.com.

_____ Yes, I will make _____ quarts of _____ soup.
Number Type

5. **UWF Gathering** - Join us on Saturday, February 1st from 9:00 – 11:00 am in Starr Hall for Chair Yoga! Chair yoga benefits a wide range of participants, including those with physical limitations, as it improves the health and wellbeing of participants, while allowing them to be fully supported by a chair. You do not have to have prior chair yoga experience to participate.

_____ Yes, I would like to attend the UWF Chair Yoga on Saturday, February 1st.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____