Trinity Church
Sunday, January 2, 2022
10:00 am

Prelude
“God Will Make a Way” Linda Mezzino

Words of Welcome
Rev. Dr. Tanya Linn Bennett

* Call to Worship
  Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
  People: And also with you.
  Leader: The newborn King is with us.
  People: Praise the Lord!

* Opening Hymn
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 384

Opening Prayer
Rev. Dr. Charlie McNeil

Litany of Thanksgiving

Old Testament Lesson
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* Four Fold Alleluia

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“Renewing Promises”

Wesley’s Covenant Service
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  Invitation
  Covenant Prayer

Offering Of Our Gifts
  Ginny Thorp
    Offertory
    “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
    Prayer of Dedication

Living the Good News in Our Community

Celebrating Good News

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* Closing Hymn
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* Benediction

* Closing Refrain
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Postlude
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Please stand if you are able
The flowers on the altar are given by Curt & Debbie Peirson in memory of their parents.
Prayer Concerns
Angella & Joey, Cindy, Aunt Barbara, Beth, Plato, Johnny, Bryan, Candace, Desmona & Ramona & Family, Cecilia, Craig, Larry, Barb, Diane Oldt, George, Ron, Steve, Frank, Iris Pellegrino, Jean, Sam & Marietta Tridente, TC & Family

Old Testament Lesson
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Gospel Lesson
Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” 16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” 19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 20 “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” 21 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”
Opening Prayer

O God, Searcher of all our hearts,
you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.
As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,
and to enter anew into covenant with you,
reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.
Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,
and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Litany Of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.

O God, our Covenant Friend,
you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.
We thank you for your loving care,
which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.
We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us life and reason,
and set us in a world filled with your glory.
You have comforted us with family and friends,
and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers. R

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you,
and have given us your peace.
You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus.
You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit
and the witness of your Church. R

You have been our light in darkness
and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.
You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys
and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors. R

You remembered us when we forgot you.
You followed us even when we tried to flee from you.
You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you.
For all your patience and overflowing grace. R
Wesley’s Covenant Service
Invitation

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are more easy and honorable,
others are more difficult and disgraceful.
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
others are contrary to both.
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
except by denying ourselves.
It is necessary, therefore,
that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.
I will no longer be my own.
I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will.
I put myself fully into your hands:
put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart
give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants.
He is the source of all salvation to those who obey.
Christ will have no servants except by consent;
Christ will not accept anything except full consent
to all that he requires.
Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant.

To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once,
to be spent alone before the Lord;
in seeking earnestly God’s special assistance
and gracious acceptance of you;
in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant;
in searching your hearts
whether you have already freely given your life to Christ.
Consider what your sins are.
Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are,
and whether you, after having carefully considered them, 
are willing to choose them all.
Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant,
rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength,
so you can keep your promise.
Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful.
You have given to the Lord your hearts,
you have opened your mouths to the Lord,
and you have dedicated yourself to God.
With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord.
Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven,
open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

Covenant Prayer

O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, 
see me as I fall down before you.
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will, 
for you have promised mercy to me 
if I turn to you with my whole heart.

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, 
covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.
Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.
In your power
I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you.
For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, 
unable to stand before you.

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again 
if you would let him.

Before all heaven and earth, 
I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.
I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, 
and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant, 
to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ 
as the only way and means of coming to God.
Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ
as the only new and living Way,
and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him.
O blessed Jesus, I come to you,
hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked,
unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.
I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.
I renounce my own worthiness,
and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.
I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.
I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

I do here covenant with you, O Christ,
to take my lot with you as it may fall.
Through your grace I promise
that neither life nor death shall part me from you.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden.
All your laws are holy, just, and good.
I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions,
promising that I will strive
to order my whole life according to your direction,
and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today
without guile or reservation.
If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.
And now, glory be to you, O God the Father,
whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.
Glory be to you, O God the Son,
who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood,
and now is my Savior and Redeemer.
Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit,
who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you have now become my Covenant Friend.
And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.
So be it.
And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.
Amen.
1. Love divine, all loves Excelling, joy of heaven, to
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless

earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling;
troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit;
life receive; suddenly return and never,
let us be. Let us see thy great salvation

all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art
let us find that second rest. Take away our
nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be
perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory

all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit
bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of
always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and
into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy
cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.
I Am Thine, O Lord

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it
told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the
arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the
Refrain

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the
power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a
steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

3. O the pure delight of a single hour that be-
fore thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with
there are heights of joy that I

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I
may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.
cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer,
nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
   our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
   sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
   from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
   short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all who breathe a way;
   they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
   be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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1. Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glo-ry to the new-born King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!”
Joyful, all ye na-tions rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
with th’an-gel-ic host pro-claim, “Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!”

2. Christ, by high-est heaven ad-ored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of a vir-gin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th’in-car-nate De-i-ty,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el.

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-tees-ness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal-ing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,  
born to ra-ise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, “Glo-ry to the new-born King!”
Announcements

-Holy Communion – will be shared the weekend of January 8th and 9th.

-UMM Breakfast CANCELLED - The breakfast scheduled for next Saturday January 8th, has been cancelled.

-2022 Offering Envelopes – are ready for pick up. If you did not have envelopes last year but would like them for this year contact the church office. If you did have envelopes last year but no longer need them please let the office know.

-The United Methodist Men are having their 15th Annual Hoagie Sale. You may order your hoagie through Sunday, February 6th. Hoagies will be Available for pick up, by appointment, on Saturday, February 12th, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. 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. Last year, UMM provided $2,000 in scholarship monies to two graduating high school students. Please make checks payable to “Trinity UMC” with “UMM Hoagies” in the memo section.

-Prayer Ministry– There are five ways to get a prayer request to us: blue prayer card in worship spaces dropped in the basket as you leave, if worshipping online type a prayer request in the chat, phone the office, email the office or use the prayer request link found on our website under contact on the top bar. The ASK prayer team meets every other week to pray together for all prayer requests. We also send the prayer chain via email to another team of prayers. If you would like to receive the prayer chain, use Just Say Yes.

-Acts Bible Study beginning Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00pm via Zoom. This study is part of the Genesis to Revelation Bible Study series using the NIV Bible. It is designed to help strengthen our understanding and appreciation of the Bible by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words while searching for the meaning of selected passages. This comprehensive study of the entire Book of Acts begins with the mission to the world and ends with Paul's journey to Rome. Some of the major ideas explored are: a Gospel that cannot be contained, divine initiative and human responsibility, the subtle work of the Holy Spirit, what holds us together, and the plight of theology in a cynical world. The meaning of the selected passages is made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words. The simple format makes the study easy to use. Includes maps and glossary with key pronunciation helps.

Through this study, we will engage on 3 levels:

- What does the bible say?
- What does the passage mean?
- How does the Scripture relate to my life?

2. **Altar Flower Coordinator** – The Worship MT is looking for someone to help coordinate the altar flower ordering.

   _____ Yes, I would like more information about the altar flower coordinator.

3. **Acts Bible Study** – will begin Tuesday, January 11\(^{th}\) at 7:00pm via Zoom.

   _____ Yes, I would like to join the Acts Bible Study beginning January 11\(^{th}\).

4. **Prayer Chain** – The prayer chain with new and long-term prayer requests is sent out weekly via email to anyone who will commit to pray for those on the list.

   _____ Yes, I would like to receive the weekly prayer chain and commit to pray for those on the list.

5. **Trinity Name Badge** - The UMM is taking orders for Trinity Church name badges. All profits from these sales will go to the Mathias Torgersen Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Trinity Church with name badge in the memo.

   Name on Badge: __________________________________________

   Pin Back ($17.00) _______________ or Magnetic Back ($20.00) _______________

   Number of badges: _______________

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   _____ Italian Hoagie (onion) _____ Turkey and Cheese (onion)

   _____ Italian Hoagie (no onion) _____ Turkey and Cheese (no onion)

   Number Hoagies ______ x $10 = ________________ (total)

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Name: _______________________________________________________

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