

God rejoice  
over  
you



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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**8:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism-today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

**Prayer:** *Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Feast on the abundance of God's house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

**We are ready to hear the Word of God.**

**We want to be guided by eternal truth.**

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference.

**Let us confess our sins before God in silent prayer.**

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

#### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**O God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

#### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.*

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

### THE PSALTER

Psalms 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**



*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 2:1-11

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## SERMON

Pastor Rankin

**"Do Not Be Uninformed...Do Not Be Uniformed"**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

## **OFFERING DEDICATION**

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

## THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## COMMUNICATION

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our heart to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

**We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.**

May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.

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**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Peter & Anita Rohrer** with love in honor of our niece, Mary Neville.

**The Baptismal Font Flowers** are in celebration of William Lee Davis' baptism from **PapPap and Nana Bossert**.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Scott & Jane Owens** in honor of Dan Otthofer, Financial Secretary.

**Money Counters:** Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Charlene Cristy, Cherie Cataldi

**Building Trustee:** Mike Wagner

### **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Mary Neville

Monday – Jodi Keller, Deb Lichtenwalner

Wednesday – Zachary Mowrer

Thursday – Hank Fox, Pat Miller

Saturday – Sandra Garrett

**Attendance for Sun., Jan. 9**

Google Meet 10:30-33

**Sunday School**

Snow Day

### **This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

Monday 7:00 PM – Virtual Book Study

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Preschool Board

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Consistory

Thursday 9:00 AM – Stewardship(Google Meet)

6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 8:00 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Worship

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Donna Smoker (friend of Trinity), Mary Witmer, Steve Owens (son of Scott & Jane Owens), Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel (nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Ann Wolf (neighbor of George & Sandy DeLong), Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Jill Otthofer, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad & Paul Zirkel (sons of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Doris Leaman, Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

**DEVOTIONALS:** The January-March edition of *These Days* is available in the Narthex or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

**THE JANUARY PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**STEWARDSHIP MISSION MOMENT:** The Stewardship Committee is organizing speakers to offer a mission moment each month during worship about one of our mission partners we support through Our Gifts to Others. Next Sunday we will welcome Jay Rairigh, Executive Director of Love INC will speak at both services. He will also share more about Love INC to the adult Sunday School class in Isenberg Hall at 9:00 a.m.

## **2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AIDS SPONSORS**

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. We recently changed florists and so the new price for flowers will be \$60. The price for worship aids will remain at \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: **February 27**. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **February 20, and 27**.

**MONEY BOXES:** The children's Sunday School class has been learning about sharing God's gifts with others. They created boxes to collect coins to support a mission project or the work of our Christian Education ministry. Look for the boxes on the table across from the church office. Talk to Anne Rankin for more information.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:

1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.
3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.

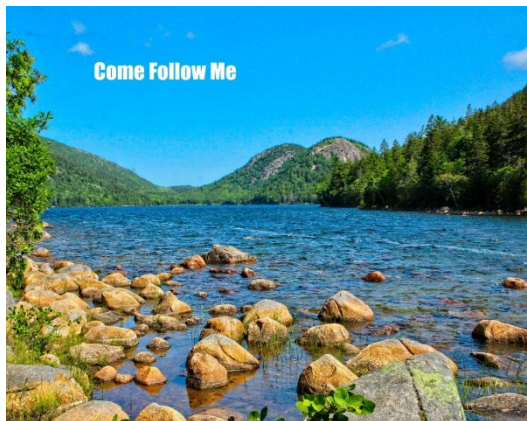
There will be no Koinonia at this time!

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

**Greeters/Ushers:** To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.



The COME FOLLOW ME Retreat (written by Rev. Dr. Dave Bushnell, Pastor Emeritus of Hamilton Park U.C.C.) is an opportunity designed to have people experience an awareness and renewal of Christian Community. We are the Body of Christ called (and sometimes recalled) to incarnational ministry that seeks healing and wholeness for ALL of creation.

In his book, *Climate Church*, *Climate Change*, UCC pastor Jim Antal claims it is time “to repurpose the church and inspire humanity to engage a new moral era.” The COME FOLLOW ME Retreat provides a way for that repurposing to begin.

The retreat includes brief talks followed by small group sharing sessions. Each part of the retreat builds on the foundation of earlier sessions. The retreat introduces participants to the “long emergency” of climate change and begins to offer multiple ways for a church to do something about it. There are songs to sing, videos to watch, prayers and brief times of worship. The retreat ends with lots of suggestions of next steps that congregations can take in creation care.

Kate Raworth (in *Doughnut Economics*) writes “Ours is the first generation to deeply understand the damage we have been doing to our planetary household, and probably the last generation with the chance to do something transformative about it.”

#### COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS

**THANK YOU** for the experience of finding out more about creation care and what we can do to help. The format of the retreat was very good, the talks, the songs, the small groups for sharing (people always open up more that way). Now the question is how do we as the church find people who are passionate about caring for creation and engage them in our efforts to make a difference.

**FOR ME**, the emotional highpoint of the retreat was the sharing after the baptism talk when we shared deeply with each other and then remembered our own baptism.

“For anyone who loves this *good earth* God has made, who loves this *life* God has given and who loves *children*; this retreat provides a powerful way to become faithful disciples of the One who said, ‘Come, Follow Me.’

**Contact Pastor Rankin if you are interested in attending the virtual retreat on Monday mornings (February 28-April 11) from 8-10 a.m.**


## Community Meal at First Reformed U.C.C., Lancaster

The community meals at First Reformed U.C.C. are starting again in 2022. They will continue to serve a grab and go meal. The diners and servers must be masked at all times.

Meals (cold or hot) can be prepared in the church kitchen. They are telling us to prepare for 60-70 people.

We are looking for some people to coordinate these meals. If you are interested or have more questions, contact Paula Dennes, Nancy Enders, or Pastor Rankin.


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# INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



The United Nations has designated the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz - Birkenau concentration camp as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.



## ***The Lessons of the Holocaust***

**Join us on Thursday, January  
27th, 2022, at 7:00 pm.**

This is a remote only event, and will be held on Zoom. Registration is required.

### **The speakers will be:**

**Pastor Mark Ammerman** - Grace Evangelical Congregational Church

**Pastor Timothy Bistline** - Church of God of Landisville, and Real-Life Church of God

**Pastor Pamela Carnes** - Evangelical Lutheran, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Pastor Doug Hinton** - Hempfield Church of the Brethren

**Pastor Christopher Rankin** - Trinity United Church of Christ

**Rabbis Daniela Szuster and Rami Pavolotzky** - Temple Beth El Lancaster

**This is a remote only event. [Register at](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvde6gqD0iGd1LORakZ60e2Lf680zBjB9D)**

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## CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to. . .

*Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others.*

*Maintain physical distancing when possible.*

*Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!*

*Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well or have been around someone who is waiting the results of a COVID test, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.*

*Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.*

*Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.*

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- Share God's love with our community
- Serve God's children
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

**JANUARY 16, 2022**

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**GOSPEL. John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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