

20 "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. 21 His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

Response to the Word

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message "I Want My Share..." -Rev. Andrea Curry

Choir Anthem "I Have Come to You" by Robert A. Reid

***Closing Hymn** #202 Amazing Grace

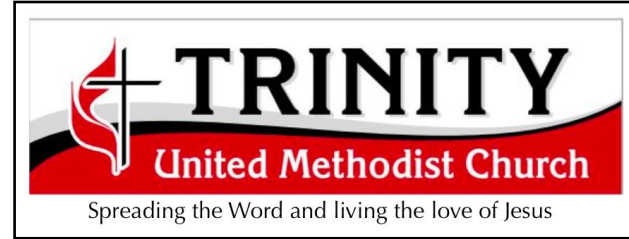
Postlude "Nearer, My God, to Thee" by Lowell Mason
"Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth

Yejin Lee, Pianist
Malik Halce, Organist

* indicates "please rise in body or in spirit"

Assisting in our worship service today

Rev. Andrea Curry - Lead Pastor
Marie Rittenberry - Dir. of Discipleship & Outreach
Jonathan Kroeger - Vocalist
Yejin Lee - Pianist
Malik Halce - Organist
Nolan Perry - Acolytes
Mary Hansen - Liturgist
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Welcome to Trinity! We are so glad you are here today. If you are new here please be sure to fill out a '1st Time Visitor' card and place it in the offering plate before you leave. You are also invited to visit the info station to receive your first time visitor gift. If you have a prayer request that you would like included on our email prayer chain, you can submit your prayer request via email to bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com or fill out an orange prayer request card today and hand it to an usher. Your prayer card will be shared during the worship service.

February 25, 2024 - The second Sunday of Lent

Prelude "Be Glorified" by Billy Funk, arranged by Don Wyrzten
Yejin Lee, Pianist
Malik Halce, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

We Turn Our Hearts to Worship God

***Opening Prayer (unison - based on Psalm 22)** -Mary Hansen, Liturgist
All honor and glory to you, O God, your mercy knows no limit, and your love knows no depth. You hold out your hand and the afflicted are healed, and the poor are fed. Your benevolence is steadfast, and your promise is sure from generation to generation. Hear our praise as we join together to give you praise. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #2 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Mission Collection

Junior Worship Dismissal - All children aged four and over may go to Jr. Worship with our Jr. Worship leader.

Song of Prayer #212 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

UMH #883 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

Offering

The ushers will pass the offering plates through the aisles to collect our gifts and tithes. You may also give electronically at bgtrinity.org by clicking on the tithe.ly link.

Offertory "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles

*Yejin Lee, Pianist
Jonathan Kroeger, Vocalist*

***Doxology #625 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Prayer of Dedication

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Luke 15:11-21 -Mary Hansen, Liturgist

Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. **12** The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

13 "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. **14** About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. **15** He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. **16** The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

17 "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! **18** I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, **19** and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'"

This Week at Trinity!

2/25/2024:

Coffee Hour: 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

2/26/2024:

Staff Meeting 10:00am
Connections 2:00pm

2/27/2024:

Lenten Bible Study Begins –3:00pm

2/29/2024:

Leap Day

Sew, Knit, Crochet 1:00pm
Bell Choir 5:30pm
Chancel Choir 6:30pm
Al-anon 7:00pm

3/3/2024:

Coffee Hour: 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
UMSO on Campus 7:00pm BTSU rm. 309



Prayer Concerns

Congregational Concerns:

- For Norma Hoover who is healing from health issues.
- For Joy Pothoff who is experiencing various health issues.
- For Fawn, a friend of Kathy Wittman, who is in need of prayer.
- For Tracy Hall, a friend of Sally Snider, who has been diagnosed with cervical cancer and is having a procedure on March 6th.
- For our members who are homebound and in nursing care centers.

World Concerns:

- For the peace of Christ to prevail in the Middle East.
- For the people of Ukraine.
- For those living in poverty.
- For those without adequate shelter.
- For those who are rebuilding their lives and their communities after natural disasters.
- For the people affected by the church shooting that occurred in Lakewood, Texas.
- For the Indigenous community and the friends and family of Nex Benedict, the 16 year-old student from Oklahoma who passed away.

If you have a prayer request to be shared during the worship service or on our email prayer chain, please fill out an orange prayer card and hand it to the ushers during the first hymn or email the church office at bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com.



Relay For Life Fundraiser: The Trinity Relay For Life Team is continuing to raise funds for the American Cancer Society with a Soup & Chili Drive-Thru Fundraiser on Monday, March 11th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm at First Baptist Church, 749 S. Wintergarden Road in Bowling Green. Ticket prices are \$10 per meal and include bread, dessert & choice of soup. Soup choices are: Chili, Vegetable Beef, Chicken Tortilla, Minestrone, Chicken Noodle, and Vegetarian Potato. To purchase tickets, contact Bev Robie at bev.robie@gmail.com or 419-409-0207. All tickets must be purchased NLT Sunday, March 3rd so we know how much food to prepare. Thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society.

Soup Showdown - The “Trinity Soup Showdown”, a soup and chili cook-off, will be on March 10th following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please see the sign-up sheets and sign up to bring your favorite soup, chili, salad, or dessert to share. We will be awarding winners for their fabulous recipes! Join us in this wonderful time of fellowship.

**TRINITY
SOUP SHOWDOWN**



Lenten Giving – Our Lenten Giving prompt for this week is to “Pray for the survivors of sexual violence served by The Cocoon”, our local domestic violence shelter and advocacy group. This week, we are collecting laundry detergent for the shelter. Please bring any donations to the Loyal Hearts classroom. You can find the rest of the items on the Lenten Giving Calendar in the Trinity Tell, available online or at the Info Station.



Ukulele Group – Trinity’s new Fresh Expression group, Trinity Strings of Faith: A Ukulele Ministry, will be meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm in the Royal Builders classroom near the Sanctuary. Our first gathering is on March 6th from 4:30pm to 5:30 pm. If you have a ukulele already, please bring it along. Susan Montgomery will have a few she can let you borrow during the class. You will learn beginner ukulele skills and play praise and worship songs. Players of all skill levels welcome! You will learn how to play if you don’t know how yet. The ukulele is so much fun to play with others and we look forward to this unique time of worship! If you have any questions, please see Susan Montgomery or email the church office at bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com.

Women’s Retreat - Due to scheduling conflicts, the date for the Women's Retreat has been changed to Saturday, April 20th. We hope to see you there. You can sign up for it at the Info Station.

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