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Trinity United Methodist Church

January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

God of the Ages, I offer You my heart, anew with this New Year.

Help me to love You and my neighbors all year long, one day at a time.



Gather to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

(Welcome! If you are a visitor, please fill out the card in the back of the pew.)

We Worship as the Church

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Tim Olsen

Opening Prayer "Epiphany"

Pastor: O God, You made of one blood all nations,
and, by a star in the East,
revealed to all peoples Him whose name
is Emmanuel.
Enable us who know Your presence with us
so to proclaim His unsearchable riches
that all may come to His light
and bow before the brightness of His rising,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

by Melanie Wohlford

Congregational Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor: Like the ancient Magi...we have been called
to follow the star of promise.
Let us bring our gifts to honor the babe of Bethlehem and
bring the light to all the dark places in our
community and our world.

The Offering – Please bring up the offering.

The Doxology

(sung by Tim Olsen and Melanie Wohlford)

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."*

The Proclamation of the Word

Invitation to the Word

Pastor: Open our hearts and minds to the light
of Your Word read and proclaimed.

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Pastor: The Word of God for us, the people of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Are We Yet Prepared?"

Rev. Jay Winston

Hymn of Service

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"To God Be the Glory"

(all verses by Tim Olsen
Melanie Wohlford)

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Refrain

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory,
great things he hath done.**

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Ever loving God, in a world of darkness,
help us to be people of the light,
shining Your light of righteousness, peace, and hope
into all the dark places of our lives and world.
Unlock the mystery and glory
of the babe born in Bethlehem.
Turn our aimless wonderings into a journey of purpose
guided by Your star.
Let the light break into our lives and our world,
and transform us into people of the light.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(For those of you in the congregation, please open your communion cups after you leave.)

Sending Forth

Benediction

Pastor: Go now and follow the star
that will guide you on your journey
this week, this year, and forever. Amen.

Postlude

Tim Olsen

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Greene by Mary Greene.*

Sentence Sermon: *“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language and next year’s
words await another voice.”* -- anonymous

Interested in joining Trinity UMC? See Rev. Jay

People are received as members in the following ways:

Transfer of Church Membership- from any Christian church. We believe that all denominations are equally part of God’s family.

Reaffirmation of Faith- If you have been away from any church for some time, but would like to join Trinity UMC and become active, we will receive you as a new member.

Profession of Faith- You may join after first accepting Jesus as your Savior and being baptized.

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“For
I KNOW
the plans
I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“... plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

