



# Trinity

## United Methodist Church

February 25, 2018

As we prepare for worship, trust this promise: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

### *We Gather to Worship*

#### Welcome and Announcements

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

#### \*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Pastor: Let all who would become Christ’s followers deny themselves and follow Christ in love and grace. Let all who seek freedom pick up their cross and follow Jesus. On this journey, let us turn to one another and share signs of grace and peace.

Unison: **“May the peace of Christ be with you!”**

### *We Worship as the Church*

#### Chiming of the Trinity

#### Prelude

Tim Olsen

#### \*Opening Prayer

Liturgist: O God...help us this day and every day, to respond to Your calling us through our Savior Jesus.

Response: **In response we will pick up our cross and follow where You lead us. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise 575 **“Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

\*Affirmation of Faith 888

#### \*Gloria Patri

*“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”*

#### 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.*

Special Music: (9:00)

Anthem: (11:00)

“I Will Lift Up My Eyes”

Tim Olsen  
Chancel Choir

#### The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts and Ourselves

#### Invitation to the Offering (Prayer)

Liturgist: Bless us this day, Eternal God, that we may be a blessing to a world in need.

Response: **Bless our offerings in Your name, that they may light the way home for those who have wandered far and lost their way.**

Liturgist: As these gifts go forth to do Your work, may they help others hear you call their names and bring them peace. Amen.

#### The Offering:

#### \*The Doxology

*“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.”*

#### Children’s Message (11:00)

Following the message, nursery care is provided during the service for children under three years of age. For children over three years of age, children’s church is available.

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

#### Invitation to the Word

Liturgist: As we listen for the word of God, let us remember that steadfast love and faithfulness are the paths of the Lord for those who take up the cross.

#### New Testament Reading Romans 12: 1 - 8

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Hymn 402 **“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

#### Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 24 - 26

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

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

#### Sermon **“Choosing the Way of the Cross”**

Rev. Jay Winston

## Sending Forth

\*Hymn of Service 159 "Lift High the Cross"

\*Benediction

Pastor:

Go in faith to live God's promises.  
Go in courage to take up the cross of Jesus.  
Go in hope to be sustained by the Holy Spirit.  
Go in spiritual strength to serve God  
and your neighbor. Amen.

\*Congregational Response 671 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" (Verse 1)

"Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through  
this wilderness."

\*Postlude

Tim Olsen

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Katie Greene  
by Lee, Paula, Ann Hamill and Lane.*

Liturgist: (9:00) Dianne deAndrade (11:00) Ben Snyder  
Acolytes: (11:00) Candle-Lighter: Jake Allen Cross-Bearer: Mae Valentiner



**Stewardship Report through Sunday, February 18, 2018**  
"Trusting in God's Opportunities"  
Worship Attendance: 9:00 – 32 11:00 – 98 **Total 130**  
Collected to Date: \$50,006  
Expenditures to Date: \$64,008  
Collected Feb. 18th, 2018: \$4,035  
Ash Wednesday Collection for Bladen Crisis: \$218.30  
"For God so loved the world (us)...." What are we giving to demonstrate our love and gratitude to God?

Sentence Sermon: "The birth of Christ brought God to us, but it took the cross of Christ to bring us to God."  
-- Author Unknown

### Interested in joining Trinity UMC?

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.

If you are interested in joining, please see Rev. Jay.



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