

***CLOSING HYMN**

Our Father

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart by Frederick Atkinson
arr. John Carter*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Allison Schuler
Ushers	Debbie Johnson, Debi Hess, Joleen Goens
Communion Servers	George Fraley, Cindie Postell, Ginny Kramer, Kurt Schuler
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card and place it in the offering plate.. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

Portions of today’s liturgy *Portion of today’s liturgy are from Feasting on the Word®
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Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee by John Dykes
arr. Jay Rouse*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God’s spirit is moving among us; give thanks!
Our God has done great things for us; we are glad!
Now God is pointing us toward new goals.
We are waiting to hear what God would have us do.
Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future.
We press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.

***OPENING HYMN #386**

Come, Worship God

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Confessing our sin means we must acknowledge that we have made choices that contradict our faith. But unless we look, we shall never see. In that spirit, let us humbly take responsibility for our actions.

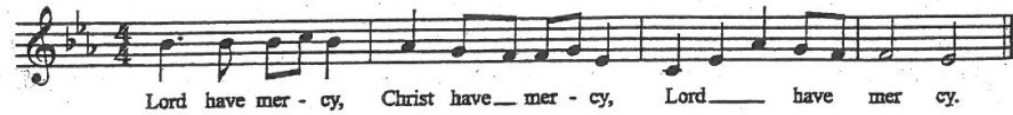
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

God of Mercy, we stand before you and confess that we have often allowed our dismay over both conditions in our world and complications in our own lives to darken our hearts and to squash our joy in living. Instead of focusing on the many positive things and wonderful people in our lives, we have chosen to obsess over all that displeases and upsets us. Forgive us and help us to refocus on the generosity of your Spirit so that we may live in the fullness of Life you have granted us. Amen

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Sin is human: forgiveness is Divine. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Let us accept the forgiveness God offers and like a person who has been bathed in crystal waters from the dirt of living, let us go forward renewed in spirit. **Thanks Be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Emmanuel by Michael W. Smith
Soloist Cindie Postell*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Sermon

(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son. By your Spirit you still bring light to illuminate our path. By your Word teach us how to grow in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be the glory. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 42:1-4

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

Faith and Courage

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals; it can change our life as a congregation. In the spirit of gratitude to God, our giving is not reduced to ethical duty but is elevated to delight and joy. As we offer to God these measured gifts, let us also offer unmeasured praise.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

O Gladsome Light; Greek hymn arr. Gail Smith

***DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER (see insert)

*The Lord's Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents' blessing.
Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

The miracle of life and creation is all around us.

Let us open our eyes that we may see and listen that we may hear.

We are now invited to partake of the miraculous gift of new life
in the bread and wine before us.

We come to the table to be transformed in the mind of Christ.

And to give expression to our commitment to discipleship.

**(All) Thank you, God, for the wonders of your Spirit. We lift our hearts
and voices in your praise.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION #511 *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.
Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his
faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom,
and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through
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OPENING HYMN #386

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Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation,
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

HYMN OF PREPARATION #511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

Come, behold! The feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given.
Hear the Word of God declared:
Come! The banquet is prepared.

All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
as the Lord's invited friend;
come from north, west, south, and east;
celebrate the joyful feast.

All who trust in God belong Alleluia!
at this banquet with this throng.
Share the mystic holy food;
taste and see: the Lord is good.

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
here the hungry soul is filled;
here the weary are refreshed.
All who share God's feast are blessed.