



***Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 2022
Morning Prayer and Sermon***

Prelude

Invitation

***Hymn of Praise: No. 76**

O For a Thousand Tongues

***Corporate Confession**

Most merciful 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.

***Silent Confession**

***Word of Pardon**

In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

***Praise: No. 270**

Wonderful Words of Life

Old Testament

Nehemiah 8:1-10

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the

priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁴ And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."¹

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

***Spiritual Song: No. 265**

Father, I Adore You

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Ne 8:1–10). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 into hades.**

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 quick and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

² *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

Catching a 40 Foot Wave

*Hymn of Declaration: No. 295

Revive Us Again

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Response

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
 Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Going Forth

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The Saints In Action

Today – *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Next Sunday – *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

“Souper Bowl” Competition – 5 Sundays in January

It is time for our annual “Souper Bowl” Competition. In January 2022 we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper Bowl” certificate. There will be two winners again this year. One for larger churches (over 100 families) and a second for smaller churches (under 100 families). The four quarters of the competition will be the five Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the fellowship hall and placed in the designated

location. Monetary donations should be given in an envelope marked “Souper Bowl” competition (checks should be made out to Trinity UCC).

Our local food pantry continues to grow. We are serving approximately 100 families from the Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. In this time of economic stress and the pandemic it is so meaningful for all of those who can help the food pantry. We have a great group of volunteers that truly enjoy the fellowship at the food pantry. Nonperishable (non-expired) food, condiments, baking products, paper supplies, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations are welcome.

Pastor’s Invitation to Help Mayfield United Methodist Church

On Christmas Eve, Pastor Dave challenged us to consider helping a congregation in Mayfield, Kentucky whose building was destroyed by the December 10th tornadoes that raced across that region. The pastor and his wife left the parsonage and took shelter in the church. All that was left is a small shell of a once grand building. The congregation’s first priority is to provide for their community. Pastor provided \$500.00 from his discretionary account; Trinity Outreach has matched that gift with an additional \$500.00. During the month of January, you are invited to consider an additional gift to help people who are unknown to us. Mark your gift “Mayfield” and we will encourage them with our gift.

“Secret Pals” Program

We are still looking for participants in the “Secret Pals” program. “Secret Pals” is a program started here at Trinity UCC in 2011. **Purpose:** to provide a way for adults in our church family to encourage, support & affirm the youth of our congregation.

Please take your application from the church family bulletin board, contact Bobbi Robertson or the church office.

The deadline is January 30th.

Giving From 1/16/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2860.00	\$2521.38	\$338.62
Ben	\$1595.00	\$213.46	\$1381.54
Maint	\$100.00	\$163.46	-\$63.46
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Total	\$4555.00	\$2898.30	\$1656.70

Benevolence includes Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$775.00 and Mayfield First UMC (tornado) \$525

Worship Attendance: 73

Sunday School: 14



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Carol Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, Pat Fritz, Larry Hay, Mary Jane Harding, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Jennifer Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Tom Croner, Tyler Gindlesperger

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Miller

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Frank and Ruth Ream and Frank Jr., by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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