



**TRINITY** "... to do all the good we can"  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LABYRINTH  
Meditation after Postlude

**“TO DO ALL THE GOOD WE CAN.”**

*Our Mission is grow passionate disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of our world*

- \*Timeless:** Connection with Ancient-Modern expression of worship
- \*Traditional:** Traditions of Trinity and Methodist Heritage
- \*Transforming:** Spiritual Education and Spiritual Formation

# WELCOME TO TRINITY

**WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE**

Whitney Muncy

Trinity United Methodist is distinctively Christian, yet we believe God is larger than our theology and tradition. Our aim is to grow passionate disciples of Jesus for the transformation of our world.

*Whatever your thoughts on church,  
whatever your beliefs on God,  
you are welcome at Trinity*

**SPECIAL CARE PERSON**—We lift up Susan Keach as she deals with health issues. May our Lord grant her strength, patience and the knowledge that He is with her.

***"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."***

***~ Isaiah 41:10***

# PRELUDE

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# CENTERING WORDS

The Lord is our light and our salvation. Whom shall we fear?

# CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

**Whom shall we fear?**

The Lord sets us high on a rock, above our enemies.

**The Lord shelters us in our day of trouble.**

We, who have walked in darkness,  
have seen a great light.

**We, who have dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on us, light has shone.**

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

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# OPENING HYMN

## #173 CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

# 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 with out end. Amen. Amen.

# OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you**

Let us pray  
God of radiant Light,  
shine into our lives,  
and disperse the darkness  
that dims our vision;  
shine into our world,  
and cast out the fears  
that long have chained us;  
shine into our worship,  
that we may be a people  
of your hope and promise. **Amen**

# HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

# INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Themes of light and darkness focus the readings from Isaiah, the midst of loss (destruction of one's homeland, the death of John the Baptist), hope is not lost. God's light shines in the darkness: "The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, the light has shone.

# FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

Terri Kendall

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
    on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.

# PSALTER

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*Psalm 27: 1- 4*

**For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me, to devour my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes shall stumble and fall.

**Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

**For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.**

# SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

# HYMN

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## LORD OF THE DANCE

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I

still go on. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

# \* GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:12-23*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

# \* Musical Offering

*The Earth Awakes*

Philip Young

# \* MESSAGE

Fishers of People

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Gile

# Pastoral Prayers

## Pastoral Prayer

### 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, the power and the glory for ever. Amen

# Offering

## The Offering Offertory

✠ **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.**

## Offertory Prayer

# CLOSING HYMN

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## I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

# BENEDICTION

Go as people of Light.  
God's light shines upon us.  
Go as people of Love.  
Christ's love shows us the way.  
Go as people of Spirit.  
God's Spirit leads us home.  
Go with God.

# POSTLUDE

*A Child of the Light*

# LABYRINTH

Some of you may have been to a church or a retreat center that had a labyrinth on the grounds. Walking the labyrinth is a way of praying with the body that invites the divine presence into an active conversation with the heart and soul. The labyrinth is a sacred pattern that leads you on a prescribed path to its center and back out again. As we walk along, we are invited to take note of our journey, the twists and turns, as they mirror our personal spiritual walks. We invite you to embark upon this journey of prayerful wandering, but you certainly don't have to wait until you are standing at the opening of an actual life-sized labyrinth. Follow these steps and trace the labyrinth with your finger in order to focus your thoughts and open yourself up to the presence of God.

## **First Movement: Releasing (Confession)**

Place your finger at the opening of the labyrinth. Pray silently prayer of confession. When finished, slowly move your finger forward along the labyrinth. Move at your own pace toward the center. Let the words of the prayer stay with you. Quiet your mind as you move through the labyrinth. Make room for emotions and stirrings that arise. What needs to be changed, forgiven, cleared, confronted, or healed in your life? Offer these situations to God as you move forward.

## **Second Movement: Receiving (Centering)**

When you reach the center, rest your finger there for a moment before you read a scripture reading for the day. When you are ready, read the passage slowly, as if you have never read it before. Center on Gods Word and be open to what God reveals to you through the reading. Return you finger to the center of the labyrinth and reflect on the passage and what it holds for you.

### **Third Movement: Returning (Intercession)**

As you prepare to leave the labyrinth, place your finger at the same opening in the center where you entered. Now lift up your intercessory prayers for the day and when finished, begin to move your finger back along the same path on which you entered. Let the intercessory prayers stay with you, and add to them as you make the turns and move along the pattern back out of the labyrinth. Be mindful of people and circumstances in the world that are in need of your prayers. Hold each one in your heart for a part of the journey outward.

#### **When you have finished...**

As you lift your finger from the labyrinths end, offer thanks to God.





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