

**Holy Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 22, 2023**

**REFLECTION:** “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?” – Psalm 27:1

**PRELUDE:** 1. “Meditation” – Herbert Chappell  
2. “Immortal, Invisible” – Lani Smith

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

**People: Why should we be afraid?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**People: What have we to fear?**

Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!

**People: Let us sing and make music before our God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**  
**#103**

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” #204**

**\*THE PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with your spirit.**  
(The people pass the peace)

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

**Epistle Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**ANTHEM:** “Glory to His Name” – John Stockton

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:** “Offering” – Phillip Moore

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#94**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

**Holy God, as we present our tithes and offerings in worship, we know we come from a world that is tearing itself apart due to division. Even among your followers, we find ourselves shutting down and closing ourselves to those who don’t think or act as we do. We need to be reminded that you desire unity and one mind from your children – not a church void of disagreement, but one where we work at listening in love more than working at speaking louder and winning the day. We dedicate not just our gifts but our minds to the work of your unifying love. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

**“Lord, you Have Come to the Lakeshore” #344**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

**MESSAGE:**

**“Follow Me”**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**  
**#2130**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow.

Go and tell the news of God’s love.

Cast the nets of grace wide,

that all may see the glory of God.

Go forth and shine with God’s light!

May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—

bless you with the radiance of love.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:** “Grand Chorus” – GF Handel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH PRAYER LIST:** Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Susan Hess, Amy Briggs Kemeza, The Bennett Family, Sarah Pena, Judith Flachbart, Linda Murphy, Scott McGrath, Sarah & Libby MacQuarrie, Laurie Wilson.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Matt at [mjwissell@gmail.com](mailto:mjwissell@gmail.com) or texted to 978-430-2749 (please leave your name as well as your request).

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** If you would like a visit from Pastor Matt, please notify him at [mjwissell@gmail.com](mailto:mjwissell@gmail.com) or call his cell phone at 978-430-2749. You may also contact the church office at [htumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:htumchurch@gmail.com) or 978-777-7408.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets on Saturday evenings at 7:30pm.

**NORTH SHORE MINISTRY:** Thanks for your help! A couple got housing and I met 2 new guys newly homeless. Always looking for socks, undies, ladies 2x jacket, sleeping bags, blankets, hats, gloves, handwarmers, food gift cards, toilet paper, chips, soda, microwaved foods, bread, cold cuts, mayo, ramen noodles, hot cocoa, coffee, cheese slices. Thanks for all your help. Barbara

**COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED:** Coffee Hosts are needed to provide refreshments following our Sunday worship service. The supplies are available and the host(s) can provide a baked good or treat. Training can be provided if necessary. Please contact Marsha Trott 351-201-9648 or Brenda Ferris 978-335-1786 if interested.

### WOMEN'S LUNCH FEBRUARY 5th

Menu to be determined but I was thinking quiche and salad..... Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Contact Linda Ramsdell 978-239-3808 or [blberamsdell@yahoo.com](mailto:blberamsdell@yahoo.com)

Christian Ed is selling **Superbowl subs** again. \$10 for a sub and bag of chips. You can place your order either by seeing the kids' taking orders in the fellowship hall or by using the order form online set by email. Order deadline is 2/5!

## EVENTS

### Sunday

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am  
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

### Monday

The Gathering 7pm-8:30pm via Zoom

### Tuesday

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

### Wednesday

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the month (off-site)

### Thursday

Choir Rehearsal 7pm

### Friday

### Saturday

AA 7:30pm

### SAVE THE DATES

Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> – Women's Lunch  
Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> – Superbowl Sub order deadline  
Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> – Superbowl Sub Pick up after church

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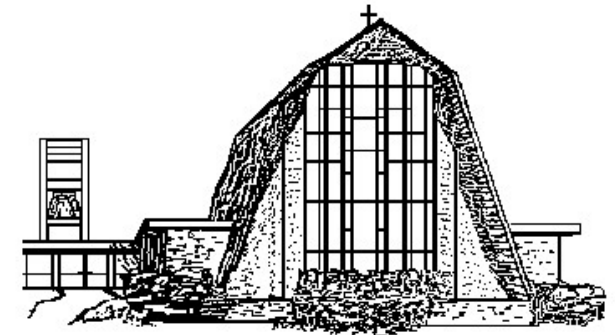
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Nancy Rodriguez, *Christian Education Director*  
Dr. Karl Henning, *Director of Music*  
Rev. Barbara Otto, *Organist*  
Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*  
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