

# *Trinity Church Welcomes You*

## **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Pastor Priscilla Hukki

\*Indicates standing as you are able.

**Bold indicates “in unison”.**

### **PRELUDE**

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God is to be praised.**

It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.**

*(From Psalms 113 and 92. The New Century Hymnal)*

### **\*OPENING HYMN** *Christ for the World We Sing* UMH #568

1. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

## OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know You receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By Your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with Your healing fire. Speak to us through Your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do Your will. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.

**Amen.**

*(Ronald S. Beebe.. The New Century Hymnal)*

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 49: 1-7*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

God's Word for God's People

## PSALM

*Psalm 40: 1-11*

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1: 1-9*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of

God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**\*GOSPEL READING**      *John 1: 29-42*

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord

## SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

## HYMN

*More Precious than Silver* (3x)

TFWS #2065

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,  
and nothing I desire compares with you.

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## \*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's  
love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your  
tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the  
entrance to the sanctuary.

**\*OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

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.

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all  
received: accept, we pray, this offering of Your people. Remember  
in Your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is  
given; and so follow it with Your blessing that it may promote  
peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our  
Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(The New Century Hymnal)

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

## 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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The light of Christ came into our world and shines in the darkness.  
Come now to feast at Christ's table. The Body and Blood of Christ  
given for you. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O Lord, you look upon us in love and refresh our souls through  
the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out, reflecting the light of  
your grace, to tell the story of Jesus Christ, our bright morning  
star. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**                      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*                      UMH #671

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.
2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;  
ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

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## BENEDICTION

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life,  
and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the  
darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The light of Christ  
shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace.  
**Amen.** *(John 1:1, 3-5)*