**TRINITY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH**

**Good News: Much of what you see, hear, and experience during our worship is Metaphorical and Symbolic**

**March 2, 2025**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**We Approach**

**Acknowledgement of Territory & Statement of Inclusivity**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

The light of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Sung Response:** “Arise, Your Light is Come” (verse 1) VU 79

***Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;***

***Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.***

**Announcements, Joys, Celebrations**

**Call to Worship:**

The mountain is quiet.

**Four friends gather.**

Suddenly Jesus is transformed.

**Voices and images surround the mountain; the friends of Jesus are filled with awe.**

Then Jesus returns to his friends, comforting them.

**The mountain is quiet.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**How good, O God, to be here, where your glory shines and your bright vision of justice and peace surround us. Be with us here, in our worship, and in all our days. We know how easily praise and singing give way to fear and silence. We ask that in worship today, through song, word, prayer and reflection, you sing to us once more, and open the eyes of our hearts to behold your beauty. Amen.**

**Hymn: “Your Love is Amazing” (Hallelujah) MV 26**

*1. Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,*

 *your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.*

 *Your love is a myst’ry, how you gently lift me.*

 *When I am surrounded your love carries me.*

 *Refrain:* (repeat 2 times)

 *Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,*

 *your love makes me sing.*

*2. Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,*

 *all the joy that’s growing deep inside of me.*

 *Ev’ry time I see you all your goodness shines through.*

 *I can feel this God song rising up in me.*

*3.* Repeat verse 1

Last line of refrain *– Your love makes me sing. Hallelujah.*

**Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, there are times when we live under clouds, trudging in the ruts of our own making, unable to see anything beyond our day-to-day stressful busyness. In these days of discouragement, we long for your Spirit to illuminate our pathway, warm our hearts, and give meaning and joyfulness to our lives. Forgive us for losing sight of your hope and promise. Amen.**

**Assurance:**

**Young @ Heart: “A different perspective”**

**Hymn: “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” VU 104**

*1 We have come at Christ’s own bidding*

 *to this high and holy place,*

 *where we wait with hope and longing*

 *for some token of God’s grace.*

 *Here we pray for new assurance*

 *that our faith is not in vain,*

 *searching like those first disciples*

 *for a sign both clear and plain.*

*2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;*

 *splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;*

 *Moses and Elijah marvel*

 *as the heavenly voice is heard.*

 *Eyes and hearts behold with wonder*

 *how the Law and Prophets meet:*

 *Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,*

 *stands transfigured and complete.*

*3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,*

 *fearful lest our faith decline,*

 *we like Peter find it tempting*

 *to remain and build a shrine.*

 *But true worship gives us courage*

 *to proclaim what we profess,*

 *that our daily lives may prove us*

 *people of the God we bless.*

**Service of the Word**

**Scriptures Readings: Luke 9: 28 – 36**

 Jesus is transfigured upon the mountain.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Write these words in our hearts, Dear God.**

**Anthem: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”**

By Brian Doerksen

 Jerry Johnson and Ron Schaufert Duet

**Message: “Seeing Differently” Rev. Tracy Fairfield**

**Hymn: “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” VU 374**

*1 Come and find the quiet centre*

 *in the crowded life we lead,*

 *find the room for hope to enter,*

 *find the frame where we are freed:*

 *clear the chaos and the clutter,*

 *clear our eyes, that we can see*

 *all the things that really matter,*

 *be at peace, and simply be.*

*2 Silence is a friend who claims us,*

 *cools the heat and slows the pace,*

 *God it is who speaks and names us,*

 *knows our being, face to face,*

 *making space within our thinking,*

 *lifting shades to show the sun,*

 *raising courage when we’re shrinking,*

 *finding scope for faith begun.*

*3 In the Spirit let us travel,*

 *open to each other’s pain,*

 *let our loves and fears unravel,*

 *celebrate the space we gain:*

 *there’s a place for deepest dreaming,*

 *there’s a time for heart to care,*

 *in the Spirit’s lively scheming*

 *there is always room to spare!*

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Hymn: “One Bread, One Body” VU 467**

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,*

 *one cup of blessing which we bless;*

 *and we, though many, throughout the earth,*

 *we are one body in this one Lord.*

*1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,*

 *woman or man, no more. R*

*2 Many the gifts, many the works,*

 *one in the Lord of all. R*

*3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,*

 *gathered to one, for all. R*

**Invitation to the Table**

**Giving Thanks**

The Lord be with you.

 **And also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts.

 **We lift them up to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to God.

 **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God, you spoke – a word, a yearning, a creation –“Let there be light!”…

….But you, O God, continued to bring forth light, raising the crucified one to life and to wholeness. Therefore, we join with all creation to say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The gifts of God, for all Creation!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Elements are offered**

*(The bread and juice are shared.)*

 Jesus Christ, the bread of life. **Amen**.

 Jesus Christ, the cup of blessing. **Amen**.

**Prayer after communion:**

**With this taste of the bread of Life, with this taste of the cup of Love, send us into the world, God – so that we might embody your change in the world, while you have changed us here, as a community, as individuals. Amen!**

**Response to the Word**

**Gathering our Prayers:**

After each prayer request, we will respond with:

One: God of Peace

 **All: Be with your people in the time of need.**

**Prayers of the People and for the World:**

 Lord hear our prayers, **and in your love, answer.**

**Lord’s Prayer (Sung) VU 959**

 *Our Father in heaven,*

 *hallowed be your name,*

 *your kingdom come,*

 *your will be done*

 *on earth as in heaven.*

 *Give us today our daily bread.*

 *Forgive us our sins*

 *as we forgive those who sin against us.*

 *Save us from the time of trial*

 *and deliver us from evil*

 *for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,*

 *now and for ever.*

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Doxology: (As With Gladness, verse 3) VU 81**

*As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare,*

*So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,*

*All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Hymn: “Oh a Song Must Rise” MV 142**

*Refrain:*

 *Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend*

 *Oh a song must rise once again (again)*

 *Singing out God’s praises and glory,*

 *the faithful voices blend,*

 *Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (descend)*

*1. From the mountains to the valleys,*

 *from the desert to the sea,*

 *a song must rise once again. (again)*

 *From the voices of our leaders,*

 *the voice of you and me,*

 *a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

*2. From poverty and riches,*

 *from the voice of young and old,*

 *a song must rise once again. (again)*

 *From the free and the imprisoned,*

 *the timid and the bold,*

 *a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

*3. From ev’ry house of worship,*

 *in ev’ry faith and tongue,*

 *a song must rise once again. (again)*

 *From the villages and cities*

 *a new song must be sung,*

 *a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**Sung Response: “I Am the Light of the World” VU 87**

***“I am the light of the world!***

***You people come and follow me!”***

***If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery***

***of what you were meant to do and be.***

**Announcements**

Communion is **today**. All are welcome to partake.

The AGM is **today** after church**.**

There will be Sunday School **today** and **March 9**, but **not** March 16 and 23 (Spring Break).

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is this week on **March 4** at 5:30pm**.** Tickets available at the event. $10/adults $5/kids under 12 years.

**March 5** Ash Wednesday Service at 11am at Mount Lehman United Church with Cluster ministers leading worship.

Come join Kathie for a fun afternoon of Collaging. Friday, **March 7** from 1pm - 3pm. All materials will be provided unless you want to bring photos or pictures that call to you. Kathie will provide some tips. This is a Trinity fundraiser for $12/person.

Join us for our Lenten Cluster Study as we journey through **Jesus, Companion in my Suffering** starting Thursday, **March 7**. We have two session options: 9:30am to 10:30am in-person and 11am to 12pm on zoom. Or, you can order the book only for $20. You can pay by cash. cheque or e-transfer to: Donald W. Strangway. Please make sure to get your name and email recorded so that we can set up zoom.

Next Romeo’s Men’s Breakfast is on Friday, **March 7**, at JoJo’s Restaurant at 7:00am.

Join us for Tracy's Tanzania Tea & Birthday Bash on Saturday, **March 15**, from 2pm to 4pm at Heather Autio's place, 2495 Mountain Drive. This is an exclusive event, with a minimum donation of $20 on arrival. Only 10 tickets remaining!

Trinity Easter card-making workshop led by Fern Bailes is on **March 18** from 1pm to 3:30pm for $20/person.

Coffee Time with board games is back! Join us every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm for a fun-filled morning!

The Board is looking for several positions:

**Treasurer and Finance & Stewardship**. Talk to Peter Vander Helm or Linda Garrett for more information.

**Ministry & Personnel.** Talk to Kathy Burchill for more info.

**Sunday School teachers**. Talk to Don Strangway or Adrienne Olszewski for more information.

**Affirming Ministries Committee** and **Cluster Affirming Committee** need new members. Talk to Rev. Tracy for more info.

Several people feel that after many years of being on these committees, they need a break. Most of the committees have a once-a-month meeting commitment.

Joanne is raising funds through Purdy’s chocolate sales for our church programs. It's an Easter order with delivery in April. Link: [**https://fundraising.purdys.com/1948429-125933**](https://fundraising.purdys.com/1948429-125933).

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