

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITY WELCOME**

**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

*“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”*

***Desmond Tutu***

*“There are two ways to spread light. Be the candle or the mirror that reflects it”*

***-Edith Wharton, author***

*“The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul”*

***-G.K. Chesterton***

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*stand*)

Leader: We have come from everywhere to prepare for the New Year.

**People: We have come seeking rest and renewal as we enter the New Year.**

Leader: We have come with burdens, and questions, and failures from the year past.

**People: We have come seeking a new start.**

Leader: We have come seeking peace in a world of strife and conflict.

**People: We hope for something new in the time ahead.**

Leader: Mostly we have come to ask You Lord to travel with us into this New Year.

**People: May we enter this New Year in faith.**

# PRAISE SONG

## "At the Door of the New Year"

1. At the door of the year when the past meets the  
 2. In the sun, in the snow, in each sea - son of  
 3. In the smile that we smile, in the hands held in

fu - ture, let the mo - ment be light for the  
 liv - ing, let the fac - es of peace show the  
 wel - come, in the catch - ing of joy like a

roads we will tread; when the clock seems too  
 world how it's done; when the li - on and  
 child's bright bal - loon; let the col - ors of

fast or goes slow - ly with - in us, let our  
 lamb both can lie down to geth - er, think of  
 peace spread as far as the rain - bow arch - ing

faith tell the time - there are good things a - head.  
 vi - o - lence gone, think a gift, not a gun:  
 o - ver an earth where we all sing in tune.

Wel - come in, this new year, wel - come in, hope - ful

peo - ple! (Make a vow that some - how

we will all cre - ate peace! Sing tag last time.

## OUR CONFESSION

**All:** Divine Companion, from the beginning of life to its ending, we rest in your loving embrace, though we do not always recognize your presence. Our eyes are blind, and our calendars are too full to notice your presence. We narrowly define how you work in our lives and often miss your surprises.

Remind us, loving God, that you are more than our past experiences and future hopes. You are always working for good in every moment of life and often in surprising, unexpected ways. Keep our eyes open to see. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

## CONFESSION RESPONSE “Light Shines in the Darkness”

Oh the light shines in the dark - ness and the  
light will not be o - ver - come. In this world *Last time end*  
bro - ken and scat - tered the light will not be o - ver - come.  
As our lives are turn - ing and our  
Tears through - out cre - a - tion, torn a -  
hearts are yearn - ing through the days of hurt - ing,  
part re - la - tions, wounds a - cross the na - tions,  
deep in the night still the flame burns bright.  
hope may seem gone still the flame burns on.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (sit)

- <sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says:  
“Sing with joy for Jacob;  
shout for the foremost of the nations.  
Make your praises heard, and say,  
‘LORD, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’”
- <sup>8</sup> See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.  
Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
expectant mothers and women in labor;  
a great throng will return.
- <sup>9</sup> They will come with weeping;  
they will pray as I bring them back.  
I will lead them beside streams of water  
on a level path where they will not stumble,  
because I am Israel’s father,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.
- <sup>10</sup> “Hear the word of the LORD, you nations;  
proclaim it in distant coastlands:  
‘He who scattered Israel will gather them  
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’”
- <sup>11</sup> For the LORD will deliver Jacob  
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.
- <sup>12</sup> They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;  
they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—  
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,  
the young of the flocks and herds.  
They will be like a well-watered garden,  
and they will sorrow no more.
- <sup>13</sup> Then young women will dance and be glad,  
young men and old as well.  
I will turn their mourning into gladness;  
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.
- <sup>14</sup> I will satisfy the priests with abundance,  
and my people will be filled with my bounty,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> Extol the LORD, Jerusalem;  
praise your God, Zion.  
<sup>13</sup> He strengthens the bars of your gates  
and blesses your people within you.  
<sup>14</sup> He grants peace to your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.  
<sup>15</sup> He sends his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.  
<sup>16</sup> He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.  
<sup>17</sup> He hurls down his hail like pebbles.  
Who can withstand his icy blast?  
<sup>18</sup> He sends his word and melts them;  
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.  
<sup>19</sup> He has revealed his word to Jacob,  
his laws and decrees to Israel.  
<sup>20</sup> He has done this for no other nation;  
they do not know his laws.<sup>[a]</sup>  
Praise the LORD.

***THE GOSPEL (Please Stand)***

**John 1:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome<sup>[a]</sup> it.  
<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.  
<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.  
<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and<sup>[b]</sup> is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

## THE MESSAGE RESPONSE "Children of God"

Chil-dren of God, let's love one an - oth - er. Love is a gift, a bless  
- ing of God. Love one an - oth - er, sis - ters and bro - thers.  
1. -3. Love is a gift of God.  
4. Love is a gift; love is a gift; love is a gift of God.  
1. Let love be more than what we say.  
2. Now per - fect love re - moves all fear.  
3. Let us bear wit - ness to the Light,  
Make it the way that we live each day. Oh, Oh,  
By this we know God is al - ways near. Oh, Oh,  
liv - ing in love, do - ing what is right. Oh, Oh,



### THE OFFERING

Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family and all of creation.

(Petitions end: "God of mercy"; "Hear our prayer.")

P: All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

## **THE COMMUNION SENTENCES**

**All:**     **As we come to the table on the threshold of a new year, O Lord, help us remember that our times are in your hands. We come with thanks, for years we have had and for the opportunity of entering this New Year with your Spirit as our guide and help. We receive the bread and wine with gratitude and love for you are the Source of all heavenly grace and blessings. In this meal, grant us strength to enter this New Year.**

**Pastor:** In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, broke it, and shared it with his disciples. He said, *"Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you.* "He also took the cup and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his disciples saying: *"This is my blood. Drink this to remember me. "*

**All:**     **This is the new relationship we share together.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and 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 forever. Amen.***

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)**

*All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior  
are invited to commune today.*

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer  
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice  
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.*

*(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)*

## SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION *"Hymn of Hope"*



1. God of hope and God of ven - ture, Bring - ing pro - mise to our life,  
 4. End the wars and ra - cial con - flicts that oc - cur a - cross the land.  
 5. Let us sing of our sal - va - tion, e - ven now a - midst the dearth.



You who make the fu - ture o - pen, Gi - ving mean - ing to our strife,  
 In the cross is our Sal - va - tion, Ser - vice to the hu - man clan.  
 Glo - rious song of new cre - a - tion, God's new hea - ven and new earth.

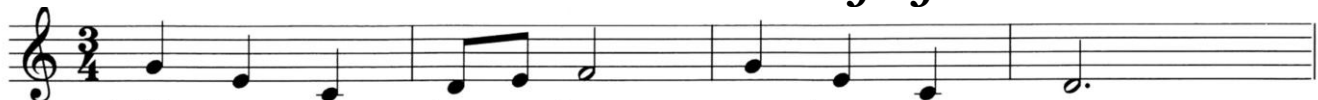


You who fill life with sur - pri - ses, Source of eve - ry new e - vent,  
 In the hope that all our ser - vice for - ges great - er u - ni - ty,  
 Let i - ma - gi - na - tion in - crease, pos - si - bi - li - ties a - bound,



As our ex - pec - ta - tion ri - - ses, Life - is filled with won - der - ment.  
 That the li - ving Christ shall weld us in - to true hu - man - i - ty.  
 so that life's great ce - le - bra - tion may most joy - ous - ly a - bound.

## *"Wise Men Came Journeying"*



1. Wise men came jour - ney - ing, once, long a - go,  
 2. Wise are the trav - el - ers led to move on  
 3. Wise are each one of us look - ing for change,  
 4. Wise ones keep jour - ney - ing all through their days,



cam - el hooves swirl - ing the sand dune and snow,  
 fol - low - ing signs where the Christ light has shone,  
 star - gaz - er peo - ple, re - spect - ing the strange,  
 bring - ing their gifts to the source of their praise,



gold in the sad - dle - bag, myrrh in the jar,  
 fac - ing the des - erts and cross - ing the lines,  
 in - ner and out - er worlds o - pen to light,  
 risk - ing the Prom - ise with all they hold dear,



in - cense to hon - or the Child of the star.  
 heed - ing no lim - its that cul - ture de - fines.  
 cen - tered on see - ing the real and the right.  
 seek - ing God's peace at the door of the year.



## *“Here at the Table”*



Christ is here, here at the ta - ble. Come gath - er and  
lay life's bur - dens down, here at the ta - ble, at the ta -  
ble where love and peace a - bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.  
Bring your hun - ger, bring your won - der,  
Bring your sad - ness, bring your mad - ness,  
Bring your yearn - ing, bring your turn - ing,  
bring your thirst - ing heart. Bring your trou - bles,  
bring your si - lent shame. Bring your sough - ing,  
bring your deep - est needs. Bring your doubt - ing,  
bring your strug - gles, bring all that you are.  
bring your cry - ing, bring all your pain.  
bring your shout - ing, bring all to be freed.

## ***THE BLESSING*** (stand)

### ***THE SENDING OUT***

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All: Amen!**

## THE SENDING SONG

## “Let This Be the Time”

### Verse 1:

L: When the song of your people rings out from each steeple, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When our praise and devotion set lives into motion, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When the heart of our labor promotes love of neighbor, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When the care for each nation brings peace to creation, (C: let this be the time.) CHORUS

### Verse 2:

L: When we see in each face those we need to embrace, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When we turn and forgive those the world won't let live, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When our care for creation becomes our vocation, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When our deeds and good actions become our true passion, (C: let this be the time.) CHORUS

### Verse 3:

L: When the voice of the Spirit transforms all who hear it, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When we turn from obsession and needless possessions, (C: let this be the time.)

L: When we give recognition to the one, true physician, the healer who bears all our pain,  
when we stop and remember that you are our God, (C: let this be the time.) CHORUS

CHORUS

Come and tear down the old ways and build up the new  
be the God of our prom - ise; all hope rests in  
you. With the fire of your Spir - it, blaze a king - dom of  
truth. Pre - pare us for ac - tion, let noth - ing dis -  
tract us from you! Let this be the time!

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The chorus ends with a double bar line.

## THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Following worship, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.*

## **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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**Reader:** Marcia Vrankin

**Ushers:** Jim Klatt, Tom Bulin

**Communion set-up:** Sue Kesy

**Communion Servers:**

**Vocalists:** Patrick Budoff, Ruthann Dorn,  
Heather Peters, Phil Pierce

**Keyboard:** Hazel Griffin

**Video:** Cheryl Scaffidi **Audio:** Greg Griffin

**Coffee Hour:** Candy Sarauer, Tom & Ardi Bergerud

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