

TRENHOLM ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OUR MISSION: COME AND WORSHIP, GROW IN FAITH, SHARE THE WORD, GO AND SERVE

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

for the

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2023 at 8:45am & 11:00am

Gathering

Announcements

Prelude

***Call To Worship**

One: God of all times and yet beyond time, you call us into a new year still to be discovered.

All: Help us travel light, in faith and expectation. Guide us in this new venture of imagination.

One: Make us bold witnesses to the in-breaking of your future.

All: Let us rest our time in yours, confident that we do not enter this new year alone.

***Congregational Hymn**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming the Good News

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Scripture Reading

Children's Moments

The Anthem

Reflection

Rev. David Day

Responding to God's Word

The Invitation

Dearly beloved: the Christian life, to which we are called, is a life in Christ, redeemed from sin by Christ, and consecrated to God through Christ. We have entered upon this life, having been admitted into that new covenant of which our Lord Jesus Christ is mediator, and which Jesus sealed with his own blood, that it might stand forever.

On one side of the covenant is God's promise to fulfill, in and through us, all that God declared in Jesus Christ, who is the author and perfecter of our faith. We are sure that this promise still stands, for we have known God's goodness and proved God's grace in our own lives day by day. On the other side, we promise to live no more for ourselves, but for Christ, who loved us even to death. He called us to serve God so that the purposes of Christ's coming would be fulfilled.

From time to time we renew our vows of consecration—especially when we gather at the Lord's Table. But today we meet expressly, as generations of our ancestors have met, to joyfully and solemnly renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God. Remembering the mercies of God and the hope of God's calling, let us then examine ourselves by the light of the Spirit, that we may see where we have fallen short in faith and practice. Considering all that this covenant means, may we give ourselves again to God.

The Act Of Adoration

One: Let us adore God, the Creator of Love who made us; who every moment preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with an everlasting love, and has given us the light of the knowledge of the Almighty's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

One: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, though rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who was tempted in all ways as we are, yet without sin; who became obedient to death, even the death of the cross; who was dead, and lives forever; who opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who sits at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

All: You are the King of glory, O Christ.

One: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God and made members of the Body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us; who waits to do for us abundantly more than we ask or think.

All: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer

* The Act Of Thanksgiving

Let us rise and give thanks to God for the Lord's many mercies.

(Please rise as you are able.)

One: O God our Creator, the fountain of all goodness, who has been gracious to us through all the years of our life: We give You thanks for Your loving kindness which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.

One: You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world which is full of Your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands and minds of others.

All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.

One: You have set in our hearts a hunger for you, and given us Your peace. You have redeemed us and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of Your Spirit and the witness of Your Church.

All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.

One: In darkness You have been our Light, in adversity and temptation our Rock of Strength, in our joys the very Spirit of Joy, in our work the all-sufficient Reward.

All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.

One: You have remembered us when we have forgotten You, followed us even when we fled from You, met us with forgiveness when we turned back to You. For all your patience and the abundance of Your grace,

All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

The Act Of Confession

One: Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and watching our hearts, lest by self-deceit, we shut ourselves out from God's presence. Let us pray:

All: O God our Creator, who has set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son: We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Jesus, our reluctance to follow Christ. You have spoken and called, and we have not given heed. Your beauty has shone forth, and we have been blind. You have stretched out your hand to us through strangers among us, and we have passed by. We have taken great gifts and given little thanks. We have been unworthy of Your changeless love. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

One: Forgive us, we ask You, the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our inconstancy and unbelief. Forgive our neglect of fellowship and of the

means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our false pretenses, and our willful ignorance of Your ways.

All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

One: Forgive us where we have wasted our time or misused our gifts. Forgive us where we have excused our own wrongdoing or evaded our responsibilities. Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good; that we have drawn back from the cross.

All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

One: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us. Forgive us where we have cherished the things that divide us from others, where we have made it hard for them to live with us, and where we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, and grudging in forgiveness.

All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

One: If we have made no ventures in fellowship, if we have kept in our heart a grievance against another, if we have not sought reconciliation, if we have been eager for the punishment of wrongdoers and slow to seek their redemption,

All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

One: Let each of us in silence make confession to God.

Silent Prayer

Words Of Assurance

This is the message we have heard from Jesus and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Covenant Hymn A Charge to Keep I Have**

UMH 413

***The Covenant** (Please remain standing as you are able)

One: And now, beloved, let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our covenant God, and take the yoke of Christ upon us. This means that we are heartily content that Christ appoint us our place and work, and that Christ alone will be our reward. Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honor, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others, we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengthens us.

***All: Therefore let us make the covenant of God our own. Let us engage our heart to the Lord, and resolve in God's strength never to go back. Being thus prepared, let**

us now, in sincere dependence on God's grace and trusting in God's promises, yield ourselves anew to Christ.

***The Covenant Prayer**

One: O Lord God, Holy Father, who has called us through Christ to participate in this gracious covenant: We take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, and engage ourselves, for love of You, to seek and do Your perfect will. We are no longer our own, but Yours.

***All: I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low for You; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Worship with Tithes & Offering

(Please sign the red attendance pad. Return to center aisle when all have signed.)

Offertory

***Doxology** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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 pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BREAKING THE BREAD

The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Departing to Serve

*Hymn of Dismissal	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	UMH 206
*Benediction		
*Congregational Response	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain(refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain...</i>	<i>UMH 251</i>
* Postlude		

**Please stand if you are able*

Preacher

Pastor David Day, Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians

Trenholm Road Sanctuary Choir
Eben Trobaugh, *Assistant Conductor*
Sarah Fletcher, *Director of Music*

Youth Updates

- MYF resumes Jan. 22
- **No Discipleship**- Jan. 4
- **Confirmation 2023**- 7th grade students (and any 8th grade that may have missed) please contact youth@trumc.org for details.
- **Revolution**- Saturday Jan. 28, 7:00pm. Use this link or scan the QR code to register by Dec. 28! <https://forms.gle/LDMr2Lre3wpUumpC9>

Due to the holidays, a January-February newsletter will be issued.

PRAYERS WITHIN THE TRENHOLM ROAD CONNECTION

- John Bolin
- Tiffany Helms, *Preschool Director*
- Sharon Lentz
- David Kinard
- Nancy Cooper
- Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*
- Jess Torres
- Myra Torres
- Debby Joyner
- Angela English
- Stella Wilkins
- Robbie Bowers
- Art Baker
- Vernon Bowen
- Carol Mosser
- Carol Parrish
- Celeste Cobb
- Suzanne Wise
- Shealy Mccoy

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