

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*“1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent & Communion Sunday”*

**February 21, 2010**

**MINISTERS** All Members  
**PASTOR** Rev. Eric Williams  
**READER OF THE DAY** Bill Blackburn  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR / MUSICIAN** Joyce Blackburn

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**“EXPECT A MIRACLE”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Joyce Blackburn  
**CHIMES** *“I Love Him”*

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS** Joyce Blackburn  
*“More About Jesus”*

**Leader: “God is good”,** **People: “All the time”**  
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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Bill Blackburn

**CHORAL INTROIT** **Choir**  
*“This Is A Day of New Beginnings”*

**\*OPENING HYMN #163** Congregation  
*“Ask Ye What Great Things I Know”*  
*(All verses)*

**\*UNISON PRAYER** Congregation  
**Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**SHARING MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN** Rev. Eric

**ANTHEM** **Choir**  
*“Walk With Me”*

**PRAISE AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rev. Eric  
(A quiet time of sharing with others the names of family and friends who need to be lifted to our Heavenly Father during this time of prayer.)

**CALL TO PRAYER** **Choir**  
*“Lord, Teach Us How To Pray”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)** All  
“Our Father which 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.” AMEN.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Bill Blackburn  
**OFFERTORY** Joyce Blackburn  
*“More Precious Than Silver”*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #95** All  
“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.”

**SCRIPTURE:** Rev. Eric  
**Luke 4: 1-13 - Pew Bible Page #1595**

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY** Rev. Eric  
*“Slowing Down In A Fast Paced World”*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #395**

*“Take Time to Be Holy  
(verses 1, 2, and 4)*

**Congregation**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
FOR EARLY IN LENT***

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. 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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty act 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.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

***GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP***

**\*CLOSING HYMN #389** **Congregation**  
*“Freely, Freely”*  
*(verse 1 only)*

**\*BENEDICTION** **Rev. Eric**

**\*SENDING FORTH HYMN #389** **Congregation**  
*“Freely, Freely”*  
*(verse 2 only)*

**POSTLUDE** **Joyce Blackburn**  
*“The Lord Has His Hand on Me”*

(\*Denotes Standing for those that care to and those who are able)

**COMING UP THIS WEEK:**

Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, ***“1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent”***  
***& “Holy Communion”***  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
***“Ad Council Meets after Church”***

Monday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, ***“Washington's Birthday”***  
8:00 pm ***AA / Fellowship Hall***

Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 4 pm / Church Office Open  
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Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 4 pm / Church Office Open

Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, ***“2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent ” &***  
***“Communion Sunday”***  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Morning Worship

**THANKS FOR BEING A “SALTY SERVANT IN 2010!”**

Thanks to all who are making a special effort to be “Salty Servants”. Please note that in the envelope holders of each pew in the Sanctuary you will find little ***“SALTY SERVICE CARDS”***. Take a moment to read one of these cards (front and back) and if you have joined Jesus as a “Salty Servant” last week, place one of these cards in the offering plate. (No need to sign your name, as we will use these cards again each week.) We will count the cards placed in the Offering plates each Sunday and these numbers will then be e-mailed in our monthly report to the Conference. Thanks!

*“March/April” Upper Room Devotional Booklets (available in the Narthex.)*

**PAPER GROCERY BAGS “STILL NEEDED”:**

Our thanks to all who continue to bring in paper bags. “PLEASE”, keep bringing them in! Thank You!! With each batch of bags that come in, we can help in the distribution of food to those in need. (Isn't it amazing that we can give the simple gift of a brown paper grocery bag and help others!)

**“PRAYER CONCERNS”:**

**In your prayer time today, and during the week, please remember these loved ones and friends.**

Lisa Appling, Neta Appling, The Family of Jean Arnwine, Kelli Berg, Glenda Biddle, Katharen Billow, Ruth Black, Joyce Blackburn, Jonathan Calhoun, Wanda Carey, The Clower Family, Janice Cook, Vera Davis, The Deckers, The Family of Sam Dixon, Phillip Eddins, Pat & Melenda Edmiston:(Missionaries / Bible Translators), The Edmistons Co-Translator, “Jude” of Papua New Guinea, Barbara Frye & Family, The Fulghum Family, Betty Geer, Blayne Geer, Christen Geer, Jason Geer, Pat Geer, Richard Geer, Sheryl Geer, Janice Goldin, and Scott Gordon. Alice Hakes, Richard Hakes, Reggie Hall, Marilyn Hamilton, JoAnn Hardin, Pat Heaton, Orin Hendrick, Bob Highland, Debbie Hill, James Aaron Hill, Jr., Mercedia Hines, Timmy, Alyssa, & Nicholas Holden, Shawna Holzer, Joyce Howard, Thomas Howell, Dana & Mike Hughes, Leslie Huntley & Daughter. Mark Jeune, Norman Jeune, Stephen Jeune, Arlene Johnston, David Johnston, Ivan Johnston, Danny Jones, Nettie Jones, Beth Joyner, John Junker, Paula Knezha, and Norma Lipps.

Christopher Lopez, Marcie's Granddaughter, Harold Maready, Nancy Masser, Jessica & Hugh Mears, Iona Mears, The Millans, Cheryl Miller, Barbara Moritz, Debbie Murphy & Family, The Naples Family, Clarke New, James Only, Our Gov. Officials and Military, and Patty Owen. Pam Pattee, Tom Phillips, Cheryl Plunkett, Ron Robinson, Linda Rouse, Carol Rumsey, The Artists at Shake Rag Artists' Collective, John & Marian Sikes, Donna Shumaker, Olive Shupe, David Smith, Opal Smith, Roger Smith, Gail Stevens, Joe & Barbara Stiles, Jeff Suggs, Glenda's Dad Ron Thomaston, “Virginia”, “Wanda”, The Waynes, Laura & Tanner Williams, Jamie Willis, Jean Wirth, Paige Wolle, Charlotte Woodham, Marleen Wright.

**TRINITY RECEIVES A SPECIAL NOTE:**

*“Hello to my Trinity Family. I have missed you all so much and I want you to know that I am doing so much better these days and I know it's because of all your prayers and the good Lord's healing. The activities are fun here at St. Catherine's and the food is terrific. If any of you are ever in my neck of the woods (corner of Riverside & Stockton Streets) and would like to join me for lunch, they serve daily in the main dining room from 12:00 – 12:30 and the meal ticket is \$3.75 per person. No reservations needed! Of course visiting is anytime you want to come! Again, thank you all for your prayers, cards and the banner.”*

*“I love you all”,*

*Reggie Hall*

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES “COMING UP”:**

<b>Leon Jackson, II</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Mitchell Blume</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Andy Rice</b>	<b>26</b>

*Happy Birthday!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HAITIAN BROTHERS & SISTERS:**

**We are still being called to compassionate aid for the people of Haiti. The tragedies they've faced will be long term. If you can make a donation, please make your check payable to Trinity UMC, for: UMCOR Advance #418325. 100% of all donations will go towards helping in this cause. Please continue to pray for the Haitian people and for all from around our world who are reaching out to help. UMCOR has received gifts which have totaled more than 1 million dollars so far. Up-dates and breaking news can be found at <http://www.umc.org/haiti>.**