*Trinity United Methodist Church*

April 23rd, 2023 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

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Native American Ministries Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

CALL TO WORSHIP (Chinook prayer) Liturgist

May all we say and all we think this day be in harmony with Thee,
**GOD WITHIN US, GOD BEYOND US, MAKER OF THE TREES. AMEN.**

THE GOSPEL BEGINS Luke 24:13 - 23 Liturgist

HYMN # 244 “‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

**‘Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim, and wand'ring hunters heard the hymn: Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

**Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:
Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

**The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.**

**Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

**O children of the forest free, o seed of Manitou;
the holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace,**

**and joy. Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (10:30) Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER *(Following the prayer, the children may leave for Sunday School.)*

SONG # 148 “Many and Great, O God, are Thy Things”

**Many and great, O God, are Thy things, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars; your fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at your word the waters were formed;**

**deep seas obey your voice.**

*Great Spirit, with Your feet we walk; we walk with your limbs, and carry forth as Your body. For us, Your mind thinks, and Your voice speaks from out our lips. Beauty is before us and beauty is behind us; above and below us hovers the beautiful, for we are surrounded by it and immersed in it. In our youth we are dimly aware of it, yet in old age we shall walk quietly the beautiful trail. Amen. (*Navajo prayer)

**Deeply divided children are we, warring among ourselves.**

**We are in need of your saving grace, your healing touch on our**

**fractured world. Let us again unite in our hearts, becoming family.**

*Spirit of Eternal Compassion, we join our hearts today with the spurned, the overlooked, the cheated, and the despondent. We know we have sometimes wandered far from your paths. We strive to think like the medicine man Sun Bear when he said, “I do not think that the measure of a civilization is how tall its buildings of concrete are, but rather how well its people have learned to relate to their environment and to their fellow humans.” Amen.* (Chippewa prayer)

**Grant unto us communion with you, O star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.**

THE GOSPEL CONCLUDES Luke 24. 24 - 35 Liturgist

HOMILY “The Good Kind of Heartburn” Pastor Dave

DOXOLOGY #94 and BLESSING OF THE GIFTS Liturgist

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures**

**here below, Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

 **Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN # 613 “O Thou Who this Mysterious Bread”

**O thou who this mysterious bread didst in Emmaus break,
return, our languishing souls to feed, and to thy followers speak.**

**O speak to us, redeeming Lord, in ways both plain and true;**

**That we might hear, and learn to be embodiments of You!**

**Walk with us, Lord, our twisted paths, and guide us from above;**

**talk with us, and our hearts shall burn with flames of fervent love.**

**Enkindle now the heavenly zeal, and make thy mercy known,
and give our pardoned souls to feel that God and love are one.**

BLESSING *Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We seek strength, not to be superior to our brothers, but to fight the greatest enemy – the enemy within. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, as the fading sunset, our spirits will come to you
without shame. Amen.*

POSTLUDE