

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my brother E. Louis (Lou) Johnson III, born March 4, 1947 by his brother Doug and Sharon Johnson.

**THE PEDESTAL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Renee Royer's 50th birthday by Suzanne and Bob Davidson

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of G. Robert and Martha D. Lyons by their daughters and families.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE VASE** are in honor of Charlie Schrope's 90th birthday which was on February 24th by his family. Along with that is a deep apology from Susan at A Flower Basket on the misplacement of the original flower order for February 19th.

**FLOWERS AND BULLETINS for March 5, 2023**

None

**BIRTHDAYS from February 26th thru March 4th**

26-Renee Royer

03-Mary Anna Miles

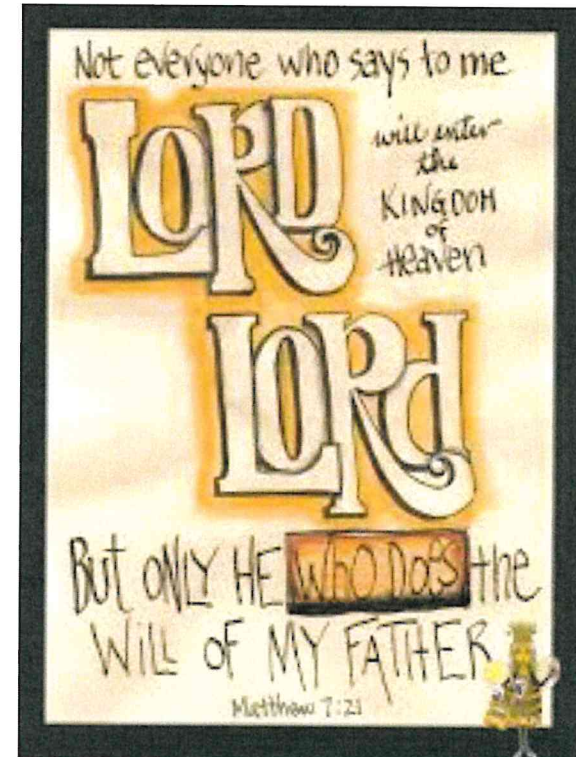
**PRAYER MINISTRY** (contacts: church office 355-9425)

**Pastor Doug Conway and family, Trinity members at home or in assisted living our church and its ministries -- our community nation world -- Our military and families**

Desi McNichol -- Tanisha Ranio -- Donna Brooks -- Bethany Swartz  
Sonia Myers -- Mike Faulkner -- Raymond Brooks -- Brenda Blue  
Clair and Pat King -- Gerry Lynn Schultz -- Jane Bodle -- Cindy Rider  
Sharon Lowe -- Harry Brooks -- Rich Miles -- Lois Schultz  
Jody Swarmer -- Laurie Wion -- Ron Houser -- Mary Ann Bell  
Tom Badger -- James Riley -- Emily Schwartz -- Gary Robinson  
John and True Coleman -- Mary Confer -- Henry Bronson -- David Bubb  
Frank Harpster

**Please join us downstairs in The Gathering Room directly after worship for refreshments and fellowship.**

*Bring the Love of Jesus Christ  
to Our World*



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Barb Catherman - Secretary

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am -- Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm**

02/26/2023

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Pastor James "Doug" Conway  
Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:00 am

*First Sunday of Lent*

(\* Indicates: Please stand if you are able.)

The Greeting/Calendar

The Prelude: Family of God

\* Hymn: Gather Us In 2236 (Black Hymnal)

\*The Call to Worship

With what shall we come before the Lord?  
What shall we bring into the presence of our God,  
as an expression of our worship and praise?  
**Shall we bring him all that we own—  
our finest possessions, our life-savings,  
our investments and property?  
Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?**  
No, that's not what God is looking for.  
God has told you what is good, and what he expects of you:  
**To do justice.  
To love mercy.  
To walk humbly before him.**

Hymn: Just a Closer Walk with Thee 2158 (Black Hymnal)

The Opening Prayer

**Lord as we gather during this time, send your spirit to move  
among us. Fill us with your presence so that we can better  
understand your will for our lives.  
Help us to walk more closely with you. Open our eyes to what it  
is that you require of us not just in this time but everyday of our  
lives. Amen!**

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:6-8 CEB

Open Our Eyes

**1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and  
touch him, and say that we love him.**

**2. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our  
eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:21-23 CEB

The Message: Pastor Doug

Hymn: Near to the Heart of God 472 (Red Hymnal)

The Morning Prayer

The Offertory:

\*The Doxology 94 (Red Hymnal)

**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 up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Offering Prayer

**May this time of Lent help us to focus on the amazing act  
of love you have demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. May  
your generosity and love change our hearts and lives, may  
our hands be instruments of your grace and may our  
offering be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

\*Hymn: I Stand Amazed in the Presence 371 (Red Hymnal)

\*Blessing

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.  
As you have been received – give.  
As you have heard – proclaim.  
And the blessing which you have received  
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit  
be always with you.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn: Spirit Song 347 (Red Hymnal)