"SEASONS OF FAITH"

"Dear seasons that pass over our fields and through our hearts, you are the word of God spoken to us from the cathedral of the great outdoors. Stir up our love of life. Fill us with joy, passion, wisdom, and stillness. Reveal to us our own endurance, patience and ability to trust. Lead us into reflection and solitude as we move through the years held in the arms of mystery. Teach us to say "YES" to the unfolding work of the Creator of our lives. Amen."

**Circle of Life by Joyce Rupp & Mactina Wiederkehr*

The four seasons tell of change every year. As we listen to these seasons, they reveal our story of unfolding discipleship. They are reflective of our faith journey with God. These patterns of the seasons touch our hearts and draw us closer to God.

- ▶ Autumn is the period of harvesting summer's gifts; our service to God as faithful stewards becomes the visible sign of God's gifts.
- ♥ Winter serves as a time of rest and the bridge between autumn and spring; our souls find peace in sacred worship and God's love.
- **♥ Spring** is a season of resurrection and rebirth; we celebrate the happy spring-like stirrings of hope and spiritual growth.
- **♥ Summer** develops and matures the growth that began in the springtime; our souls reveal the fruits of service.

The seasons of faith are filled with grace, challenges, comfort and change. Our goal as a faithful Christian is to move through these seasons, listening for God's voice as our heart and mind opens to new growth. When we listen closely and carefully to the wisdom of each season, we shall find the guidance to move beautifully and confidently within the circle of Faith.

I invite the entire Trinity Faith Family to join our children and youth as together we explore the Seasons of Faith in the coming year. May God bless our journey as partners in ministry. *Grace & Peace, Pastor Jane*