
Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service.

We also thank:

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

Associate Pastor: Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore

Attendance Taker: Nicole Baker-Cooley

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee & Jim Sharrard

Director of Music Ministry: Becky Rosendahl Isaacson

Lead Pastor: Rev. René Perez

Liturgist: Cathy MacGovern

Overflow Room: Brian Crawford

Ushers: Head Usher, Margo Sweetland, **Asst. Head Usher,** Sheila Womble

Videographer: Nic Odell

† "Here I Am, Lord" is Lisa Bakowski's favorite hymn because:

"We are each called to live as Jesus would have. It's so easy to sit back and not personalize the call because of the various demands on us. This hymn reminds us to step up and answer the call. The Lord is responsible for our existence. The least we could do is answer the call."

Do you have a favorite hymn?

The worship team is assembling a list of beloved hymns to include in upcoming worship services, and we'd love to share a few words about the meaning they hold for different members of the congregation. If you'd like to help us with this project, fill out this short questionnaire.

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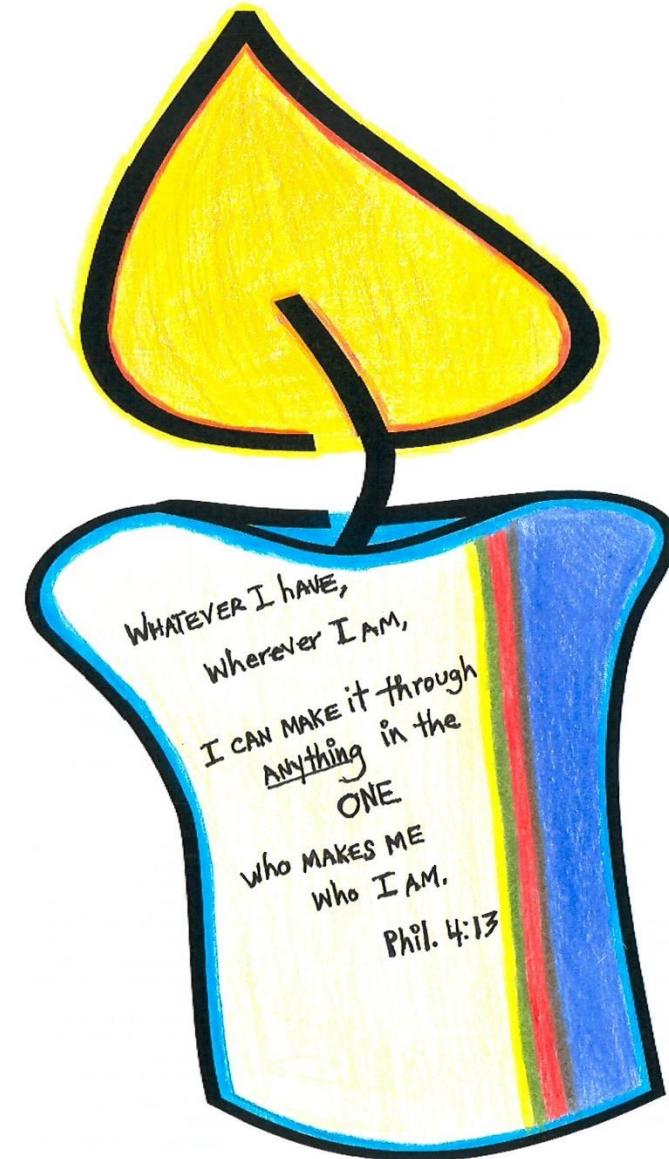


Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Share your LIGHT with the world!



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 2020

* Stand if you are able.

**See words to the right

(A Time of Gathering: 10:20 a.m.)

Organ Prelude: "Pisgah" D. Wood

Introduction & Prayer Updates

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

Prelude: "It Is Well with My Soul" M. Ijames
Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore, violin

* Lighting of Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "The Lord Is My Light" M. Bedford
Courtney Siemon, soprano and Holly Joy Pearson, alto

*Call to Worship: **

Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" † Schutte/Larson
(At this time there is no singing, however, we invite you to hum along.)

Prayer of Confession & Silent Reflection: **

Words of Assurance: **

Lord's Prayer: **

Special Music: "The Light of God's Love" M. Burrows

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19 **

Sermon: "On Holding on and Letting Go"

Closing Response: "Everywhere I Go" N. Sleeth

Benediction:

Postlude: "Toccata in Seven" J. Rutter

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation's Part**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

(By Nancy C. Townley)

L: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

P: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

L: Come and let us worship with great joy!

P: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

L: God is about to do something new in our lives!

P: Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT RELECTION:

(From the order of worship of First UMC in Cary, NC. (Feb. 4, 2016)

Holy and awesome God, we gather in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness within us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice, for there is weakness within us as well as strength. At times we chose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, teach us to walk by the light of your truth, and help us to hear your word of forgiveness that we may speak that word to others.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

(Cf. Titus 2:13-14; 2 Cor. 9:15)

(Non-Responsive)

Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from sin, and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to listen to his voice, willing to walk into his marvelous light, and to do what is good. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:18-19, Good News Translation (GNT)

18 But the Lord says,

"Do not cling to events of the past

or dwell on what happened long ago.

19 Watch for the new thing I am going to do.

It is happening already—you can see it now!

I will make a road through the wilderness

and give you streams of water there.