

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5: 13-16 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Salt and Light

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Thank you to all listed in the bulletin who participated in today’s service.

We also thank:

Altar Guild: David and Vera Baker

Attendance Taker: Nicole Baker-Cooley

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Director of Music Ministry: Becky Rosendahl Isaacson

Overflow Room: Brian Crawford

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

Videographer: Nic Odell

Thank you to Jim Sharrard for making sure our laptop was up and running for the overflow crowd.

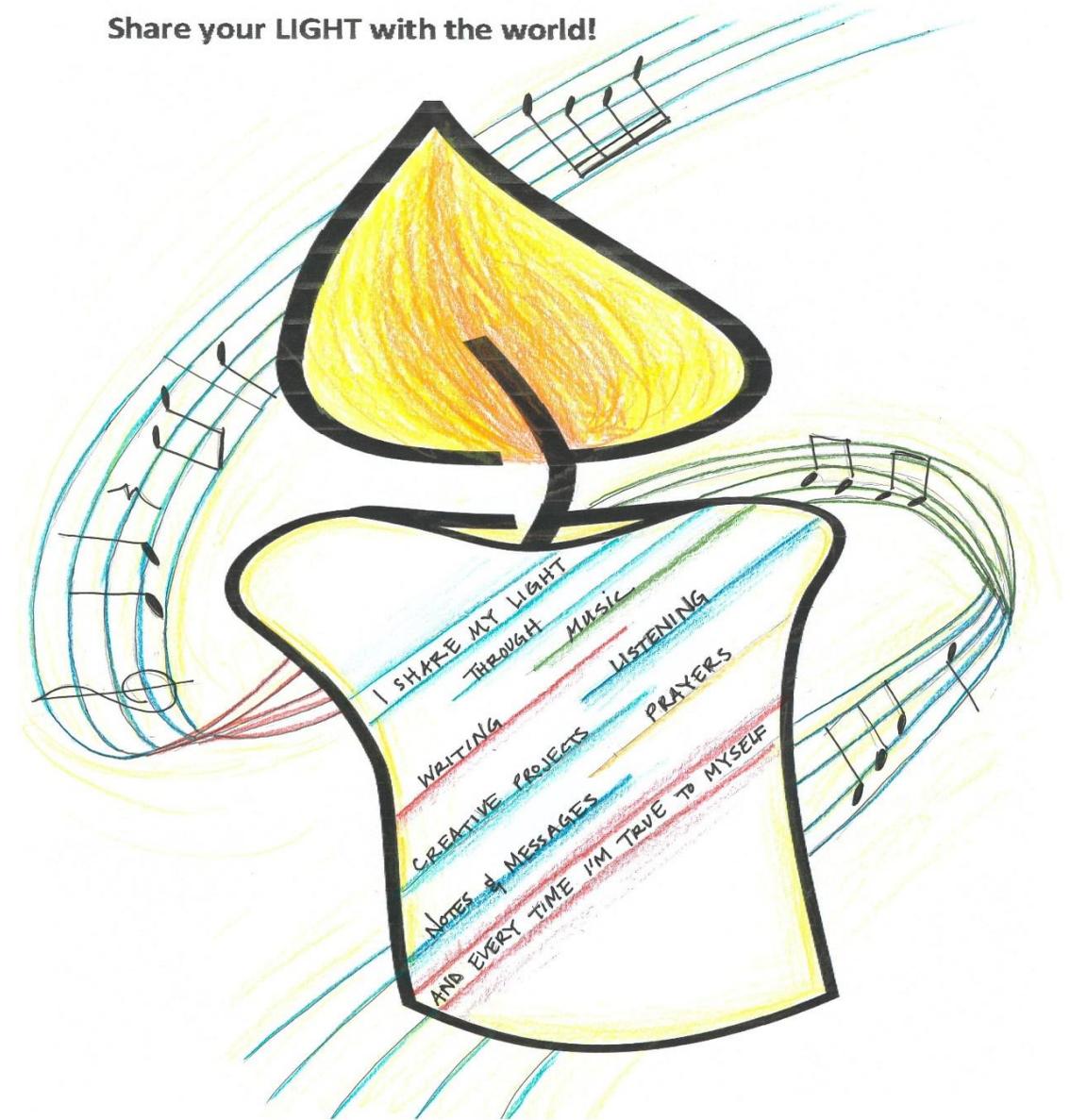


Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people 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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SERVICE

Indoor Worship Sunday, September 13, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Shannon LaFleur

*** Stand if you are able.**

Pre-Service Organ Prelude: Toccata on “Holy Manna” J. Raney

Words Before the Service: Pastor René Perez
(Live Streaming Begins)

Instrumental Prelude: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” J. Raney
Kyle LaFleur - flute

• **Lighting of Candles:**

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor René

Introit: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” M. Hayes
Sonja Funk, soprano

***Call to Worship:** (See words to the right) Shannon LaFleur

Prayer of Confession & Silent Reflection: (See words to the right) Pastor René

Words of Assurance: (See words to the right)

Lord’s Prayer: (See words to the right)

Special Music: “O Love” E. Hagenberg

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 (See words on the back) Shannon LaFleur

Sermon: “Trusting the Light” Pastor Erin Newcomb-Moore

Closing Response: “This Little Light of Mine” M. Hayes

Benediction: Pastor Erin

Postlude: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” M. Burkhardt

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregations Part**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (J. Richard Coyle)

L: To disciples, then and now, Jesus has said, “You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Parent who is in heaven.”

P: We have come together to be community, to receive light and to be light. To this end we dedicate ourselves.

L: We have come together to be windows through which, instructed and illuminated by God, we might see the world more clearly.

P: We have come to be windows through which the world might know the light and love of God. To this end we will praise and magnify God.

Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
(At this time there is no singing, however, we invite you to hum along.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT RELECTION: (Janice Jean Springer)
Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom, but we live with tightness in our chest. You have called us to move in a new direction, but we cling to the path we know. You have called us to reach outward in love, but we draw inward for protection. You have called us to live with abandon, in trust, but we live carefully, in fear. God, forgive us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Janice Jean Springer)
(Non-Responsive)

God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**