

Invitation to Offering:

God of love and grace, as we give our gifts to you today, we ask that they might be dedicated to strengthening your church for the making of disciples for Jesus Christ. In your great feast of life, open our ears to hear what pleases you and open our eyes to see the opportunities all around us. Amen.

Offertory: "What the Lord Has Done in Me" R. Morgan arr. L. Larson

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

O Loving God, with grateful hearts we place these gifts on your altar. With prayerful minds and quiet hearts, we commit these offerings and tithes to you. As we give, we also receive. Bless us as we seek to bless others. Amen.

***Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS# 2223

Benediction

Postlude: "Prelude in G Major" J.S. Bach

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In memory of the 81st birthday of Rev. Philip Lutz, from his daughter, Ellen.

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and volunteers

Soloists: Wynton Jarvinen, Leah Rosenman

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Lisa, Andrew, and Jacob Bakowski, Ray Miller

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust

Please Pray for:

Lisa B, Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Michael B (Alicia C's grandfather), Vonda B, (Chad T's sister), Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Dominick E, Heather F-B (Bridget B's cousin), Cyndi L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Mary P, Claire (L) P, Bob R, Catherine Ann R, Ann B R, Nancy S, Clara Lee S, Madeline S (David S & Monica A's granddaughter), Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T's sister & Camille's sister-in-law), Tina W, Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T's nephew), our service men, women and their loved ones, the people of Ukraine and Uvalde, TX.

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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

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 28, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Bold items are the congregation's part. * Stand if you are able

Meditation:

"Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control. These three alone lead lives to sovereign power."
-- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Prelude: "Offertory in Eb major" A. Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

(New visitors only please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)

Presentation: Ted Crass, United Methodist Foundation of New England

*Call to Worship:

One: Come, Come and rejoice, you have been invited to wonderful a feast.

Many: We praise the One who shows hospitality to strangers. Come, let us feel the depths of God's love.

One: Come find your place at the table, young and old, happy, or sad, excited, or indifferent, wherever you find yourself today.

Many: Praise God, it is not because of our achievements or status in life that we have been invited. Here is the source of peace, and the gift of love.

One: Let us learn of God's grace. Come friends; Come all. Come and Worship.

Many: Stand in awe, sing with joy, walk in peace. Let praises to God now ring. Alleluia!

***Hymn:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH# 57

*Prayer of Confession:

Awesome and disturbing God, you breathed life into us and each day you fill us with the power of your Spirit. We are filled with your courage and yet act with caution and timidity. We know your intentions for justice yet keep silent too often or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing. We are overwhelmed with your love, yet are hesitant to mention your name to another. We have been forgiven much, yet harbor old resentments, hold on to past hurts and turn away from reconciliation. Wonderous God, restore us to clear thinking, give us compassionate hearts, and lead us to bold actions. Let your forgiving love cleanse fear and timidity from us. Set us on your path with your wind at our backs.

*Words of Assurance and Pardon:

One: Hear the exciting news of God's love for us. If we confess our pride and self-centeredness, God has forgiven us. If we want to change, God has a direction for our lives. If we serve God with our whole selves our names will be written in heaven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: "Chariot's Comin'!" Spiritual arr. D. Besig

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism: Ryan Samuel Ward & Charles (Charlie) Anderson Ward

Dear God, we thank You for the gifts of Ryan & Charlie to raise, their lives to share, their minds to help mold, their bodies to nurture, and their spirits to enrich. Let us never betray their trust, dampen their hopes, or discourage their dreams. Help us dear God to help these precious children become all You mean them to be. Let your grace and love fall on them like gentle breezes and give them inner strength, peace, and patience for the journey ahead. Amen.

Baptism Music: "God Claims You" TFWS# 2249

Refrain: Ryan and Charlie God claims you, helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

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.

***Hymn:** "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH# 568

(Bible Story Time is suspended until September 18, thank you.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (NRSV) N.T. p. 72

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Finding Our Place at the Table" Rev. Dr. David Calhoun