

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Pastor, Rev. René Perez

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We thank those who participated in today’s service:

We welcome Rev. Dr. Henry (Bing) Scherer to the pulpit today. Rev. Scherer is a retired member of the New England Conference. He has served churches in New York, Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts. He graduated from W. Va. Wesleyan College, Boston University School of Theology, and received a Doctor of Ministry from Hartford Seminary. He attends Trinity with his wife Sue.

Altar Flowers: In memory of Ruth Temple Harwood, from her daughter Jan, and family

Altar Guild: Kathy Hathaway & Beverly Ratté

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell & volunteers

Liturgist: Adam Smedberg

Soloist: Teri LaFleur

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Nicole Baker, Jo Anne Evans, Wendy Regan

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



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

Notes:



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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.

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 26, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

*How do we define God? Can we describe the eternal creator of heaven and earth?
No, it is impossible and presumptuous to think we can. But God defines himself in Jesus.
That is the "amazing grace" of faith. ~Henry Scherer*

Prelude: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" P. Scholtes arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Call to Worship: (Ruth C. Duck)

Leader: We are here not because we have found God but because God our creator has called us here,

People: Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.

Leader: But the call is also God's promise:

People: A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life in that realm which has no end.

All: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God!

***Hymn:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH#103

Unison Prayer: (Adapted-Wheadon UMC, Evanston, IL)

O God of new beginnings and fresh starts there have been times when we have felt scattered about, disjointed, dried up, all our energy gone. There have been times when we have been out of joint with your Spirit, unable to move, dead, lifeless. Not trusting in your forgiveness or your power, we trust only in ourselves, and our lives become dry and brittle. Fill us with your Spirit, O God, that we may be transformed. May what was dead, scattered, and disjointed become alive. Amen.

Recognition of Graduates

Special Music: "Everytime I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual arr. M. Mills

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

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:** "Stand By Me" UMH#512

(During this hymn, parents are invited to escort their children ages 4-8 to Bible Story Time in the room across from the Nursery downstairs. At the end of the service, parents must pick-up their children. Thank you.)

Scripture Lesson: Acts 3:1-10 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 112-113

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Lifting the Weight of God" The Rev. Dr. Henry (Bing) Scherer

Invitation to Offering: (John A. Brewer)

Having received the grace of God in the redemption of Christ, we live strengthened in the faith, with hearts overflowing with thankfulness. From the depths of our hearts, we offer to God the very best we have. May our offering be a true act of worship and thanksgiving.

Offertory: "As the Deer" M. Nystrom and L. Larson

***Doxology:** UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (M.C. Tirabassi)

God, receive these gifts- and give us open hands. Fill our lives - and give us open hearts. Touch us with your word - and give us open minds. Bless this church - and give us open doors. Amen.

***Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH # 577

Benediction

Postlude: "Two Anthems" A. Guilmant