

Offertory: “We Are One in the Lord” J. Martin

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

O loving God, thank you for this opportunity to share our gifts. Inspire us today to look at the abundance we have, and the needs of the world around us. Inspire us so we might take daily steps to move more in line with the reality, that all we have, comes from you. Bless these gifts and bless the givers. In the Spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH# 377

Benediction

Postlude: “Prelude in C Major” J.S. Bach

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Arianna Bhajjan, Julia and Charlie Gray

Altar Flowers: In memory of Ray & Edie Grabowski's wedding anniversary, from Mark and Natalia Grabowski

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Special Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and volunteers

Flute: Janet Dixon-Metcalf

Liturgist: Michael Jarvinen

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Brenda Lopez, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget’s brother), Vonda B, (Chad T's sister), Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Lelie D, (friend of Mary Beth V), Dominick E, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), 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, Claire (L) P, Bob R, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Clara Lee S Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T’s sister & Camille’s sister-in-law), Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T’s nephew), our service men, women and their loved ones, the people of Ukraine and those affected by gun violence.

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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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

“To improve the golden moment of opportunity, and catch the good that is within our reach, is the great art of life.” – William James (1842-1910)

Prelude: “Reverie” C. Debussy

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit: “Canticle of Praise”

*Call to Worship:

One: Come and worship!

Many: We will praise the One between, within, and over.

One: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

Many: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.

One: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

Many: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

One: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

Many: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

***Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH# 577

*Prayer of Confession:

Sometimes God, we take ourselves so seriously our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements that we fail to notice our effect on others. And we do not make connections between our limitless wants and the resources left for others. We do this without knowing it. Bring our awareness to Justice for all to the common good, to your universality of blessings. Remind us you love all.

Silence is Kept

*Words of Assurance and Pardon:

One: The God of salvation, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth, offers forgiveness to each of us through the Redeemer sent in human form. We are grateful that over and over we are given the chance to begin again and that nothing we have done can separate us from God's love.

Many: Amen!

Special Music: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” J. Raney

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism: Chase Theodore Chisholm

Dear God, we thank You for the gift of Chase to raise, his life to share, his mind to help mold, his body to nurture, and his spirit to enrich. Let us never betray his trust, dampen his hopes, or discourage his dreams. Help us dear God to help this precious child become all You mean him to be. Let your grace and love fall on him like a gentle breeze and give him inner strength, peace, and patience for the journey ahead. Amen.

Baptism Music: "God Claims You" TFWS# 2249

Refrain: Chase 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:** “The Voice of God Is Calling” UMH# 436

(Children 4-6 are invited to Bible Story Time downstairs. Children 7-12 are invited to Chapel Kids in Grace Chapel. Parents are asked to escort their children and pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 16: 19-31 (NRSV) N.T. p. 75

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: “Lazarus” Rev. Dr. David Calhoun

Invitation to Offering:

God of justice and mercy, we come to worship you this day as ones who, on the great balance scale of your creation, are more like the rich man in the Gospel story than we are Lazarus. The parable Jesus tells reminds us that the chasm between rich and poor is hard to cross in the life to come, but not so for us this day, as we strive to see God's kingdom at work in our world. As we offer gifts today, may we do so striving to be those blessed to be a blessing. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.