

Offertory: “How Firm a Foundation” C. Courtney

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

O loving and merciful God, as we place these offerings upon your altar, we humbly ask for your blessings upon them. Bless the gifts and bless the givers for they represent who we are and our love for you. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Shall We Gather at the River” UMH# 723

Benediction

Postlude: “God of the Ages” G. Warren arr. E. MacGorman

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Arianna and Raizel Bhajjan, Jack Rust

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of their father, Thomas Santanello, from Paula, Judy & Tom.

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Cover Artwork: Rachel Smythe, The Season of Grateful Giving - Winter

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and volunteers

Liturgist: Lisa Bakowski

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Lisa Foster, Deb Garth

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

Youth Greeter: Anthony 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), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth V), The E family, Dominick E, Blaire J, John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Velma M, Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), Lynn T, the T family, Mary (T) G (Nate Twining’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, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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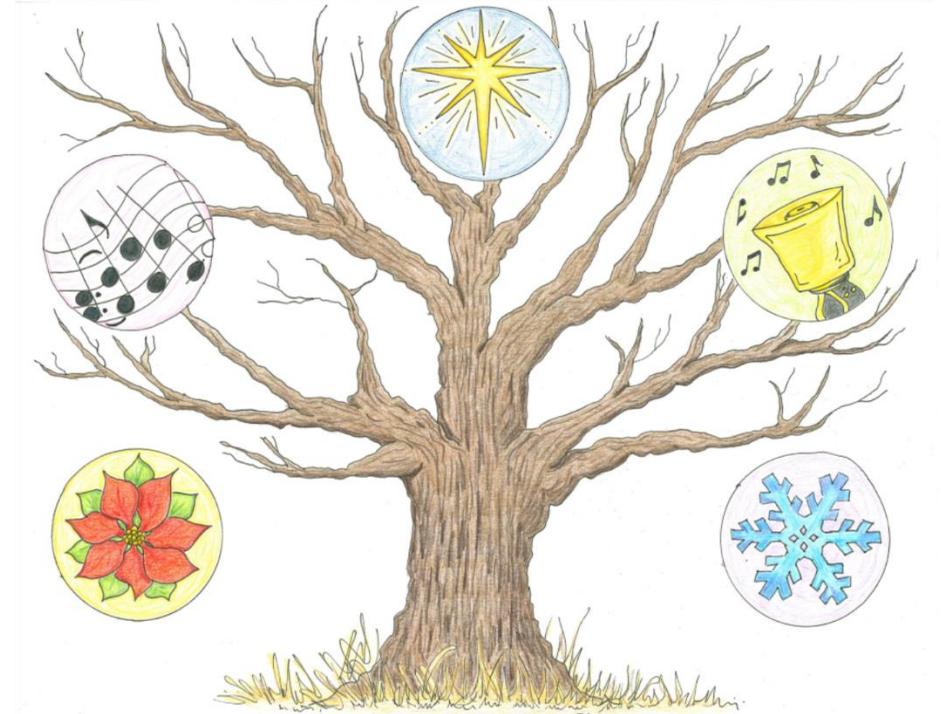
Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Michael Carney

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District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe

Bishop, Sudarshana Devadhar



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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

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

"There is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving."
-- Henry Drummond (1851-1897)

Prelude: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" S. Temple 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.)

Introit: "God Is My Rock"

*Call to Worship:

One: Welcome home, welcome in.

Many: Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.

One: Welcome home.

Many: Here find children's laughter that chases dark clouds away, and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.

One: Welcome to this holy space.

Many: Here there are friends with a tender embrace, and here there are words that heal brokenness and reveal God's grace.

One: Welcome home. God has been expecting you. The door is open, Welcome to this festival of renewal and hope.

***Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

*Prayer of Confession:

Bountiful God: Without your grace and help we would be nothing, we would not even exist. We owe you everything: our creation, our preservation, all the blessings of life. We know that most of our praying should be thanksgiving, but it is not. What comes naturally to us is asking, asking, asking. And much of the time, even when a prayer is answered in a way we hoped it would be, we forget to thank you. O God, most patient and forbearing, teach us the grace of thanksgiving. Keep us from a spirit of ingratitude and teach us to use our talents for your greater good. Amen.

*Words of Assurance and Pardon:

One: Hear this our prayer, O Lord, and my people remember that you are created in the image of God. Remember that God's Spirit surrounds you. Know that if you are serious when you confess your sin, God is serious about forgiving you and reorienting your life toward a new future which is filled with hope. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God!

Stewardship Moment: Berney Bhajjan

Special Music: "Largo from New World Symphony" A. Dvorak arr. B. Dugger
Trinity Youth Handbell Choir

*Passing the Peace of Christ

(To help us be a warm and caring spiritual home, please take a few moments to greet on another in Christian love. A historical Christian greeting would be: "The Peace of Christ be with you. "And also, with you.")

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.

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH# 451

(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: Matthew 25: 14-30 (NRSV) N.T. p. 27

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: "Entrusted" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Invitation to Offering:

O Loving God, thank you for this opportunity to share our gifts. Inspire us today to look realistically at the abundance we have, and the needs of the world around us. Inspire us so we might take daily steps to move in line with the reality of standing out from the crowd and standing up as true disciples – followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.