

Sermon: "The Mustard Seed and a Carpenter" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Invitation to Offering:

O loving God, thank you for this opportunity to share our gifts. Help us to understand the motive for Christian stewardship is gratitude for God's abundant love and mercy, accompanied by the desire to share all of God's good gifts with others. Amen.

Offertory: "To Love Our God" M. Hayes

Holy Communion: UMH# p. 13

***Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH# 593

Benediction

Postlude: "Joyful Celebration" S. E. Cheek

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Charlie Gray, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of her mother, Marilyn Marden, from Deb Marden.

Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and volunteers

Liturgist: Sandy Gingras

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



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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), 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, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Clara Lee S, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), 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 and the people of south western Florida experiencing Hurricane Ian.

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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.

**Holy Communion Service
World Communion Sunday**

October 2, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Arr. by A. B. Sherman

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit: "Abre mis Ojos" R.M. Martínéz

Translation:

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine, O Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine, O Spirit divine!

***Call to Worship:**

We must realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism.

God accepts from every nation the ones who do what is right.

Sing to the Lord all the nations,

Proclaim God's salvation day after day

Declare God's glory among the nations,

The Lord's marvelous deeds among all peoples

Let all the earth fear the Lord.

Let all the people of the world worship the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

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

***Prayer of Confession:**

Merciful God,

Many: As your Church, we recognize that we have failed to oppose, resist, and seek change for all circumstances of oppression—political, economic, cultural, and racial—by which persons are denied the essential dignity you intend for them in the work of creation. As the covenant community we want to ask for forgiveness and affirm Jesus the Christ who sought out the poor, the oppressed, the sick, and the helpless. May your

children become advocates for all victims of violence and all those whom the law or society treats as less than persons for whom Christ died. May that advocacy be according to the attitudes and actions which embody the way of Christ, which is to overcome evil with good.

In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

***Words of Assurance and Pardon:**

One: God gives the message and ministry of reconciliation to the Church because in Christ we have been reconciled. Now that we are forgiven, we must seek and promote reconciliation, love and justice among all persons, classes, races, and nations. With kindness, humility, and patience, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination:

Many: Merciful God, you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing found in heavenly places. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. In your mercy strengthen our faith and bless us through the message of your word today. Amen.

Special Music: "How Firm a Foundation" D. Forrest

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

Prayer Response

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:** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH #383
(There is No Chapel Kids or Bible Story Time on Communion Sunday.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 17: 5-10 (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.**