

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In memory of Crista (Pennington) Merchant from her husband, Jim.

Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Katherine Lovell and volunteers

Liturgist: Vera Baker

Soloist: Holly Joy Pearson

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



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:

Lisa B, Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), 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.

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.

Holy Communion Service
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

“Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.”
– Horace Mann (1796-1859)

Prelude: “Prelude in F Major” J.S. Bach

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:**

One: Now is the moment of grace.

Many: This is the hour of blessing.

One: Today is the day of salvation.

Many: Here is the path of a new life.

One: Already joy is abounding.

Many: And love is flowing.

One: For this is the day God is making.

All: Let us rejoice and sing.

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

***Prayer of Confession:**

Loving God we have been wandering, lost not only on the highways but on the journey to our true selves. We have tried that which does not last, followed that which goes nowhere, bought things that do not satisfy. Persistent God, you love us beyond what is reasonable. You call us by name. You search for us in all the seasons of life and hold out a hand to us. Forgiving God, open our eyes and let us see the way back to you. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:**

One: Hear these our prayers, 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.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: “Make a Joyful Noise” M. Hayes

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:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH# 140
(Bible Story is suspended until September 18.)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20 (NRSV) N.T. p. 183

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: “For Such a Time Like This” 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 more in line with the reality of standing out from the crowd and standing up as true disciples – followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory: “10,000 Reasons” L. Larson

Holy Communion UMH# p. 13

***Hymn:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS #2158

Benediction

Postlude: “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” arr. J.G. Walther