

# Trinity United Methodist Church

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**\*Doxology:** UMH# 94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Holy God, as we offer our gifts to you this day, we pray that, in our giving, we may be reconnected to the reason why we follow you and to the reason why we give. In Christ we pray, our Guiding Light. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Stand By Me" UMH# 512

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Agincourt Hymn" J. Dunstable

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**We thank those who participated in today's service:**

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Felix Everett, Greta and Charlotte Rust

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of John Bessey, III, from his daughter, Doreen.

**Altar Guild:** Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** Katherine Lovell and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Cyndi LeDoux

**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, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

**Youth Greeter:** Nicholas Skridulas



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***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, 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, Clara Lee S, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), Lynn T, Mary (T) Grocott (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.



*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

## Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 16, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

### Meditation:

“How might the church tell a better story? Why do people need the church?”

**Prelude:** “Prelude and Fughetta in C minor” J. Fischer ed. D. Bye

### Welcome and Announcements

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

**Introit:** “This Is the Day”  
Trinity Chamberettes

**\*Call to Worship:** *(Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries Resources)*

One: We gather here to worship seeking a focus for our being.

**Many: God calls us to worship the Word made flesh.**

One: We gather here to worship, though we feel drawn in too many directions, overwhelmed with too many tasks, chasing after something we can't quite name.

**Many: God calls us to worship leaning into the Spirit of Truth**

One: We gather here to worship, wondering and hoping, doubting and uncertain, frustrated, and afraid. But we are here.

**Many: God calls us to worship with our whole selves. We are here; let us worship with joy.**

**\*Hymn:** “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” UMH# 383

**\*Call to Confession:**

O Loving God, you know our faults and our failures. Now we pray the confessions of our hearts.

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

**Sovereign God: You command us to glorify you, but not because you need our feeble hallelujahs. Rather, it's because we need to be reminded that you are God and that there is a vast difference between us and you. But much of the time we forget. Instead of glorifying you, we glorify our own ingenuity and inventions, until we realize, often too late, that every invention of ours has an equal potential for destruction. Most patient God, bring us up short in the midst of our self-centered pursuits. Make us feel the need to glorify you. And help us rise to our true stature as children of yours, while our hallelujahs resound joyfully and thankfully. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, who graciously pleads for us. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance and Pardon:**

One: Forgiveness calms the ocean of anger, stills the waves of anxiety, settles the ripples of revenge. Come, let your words and our prayers of confession open the way to forgiveness.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

*To help us be a warm and caring spiritual home, please take a few moments to greet one 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:** “It's Me, It's Me O Lord” UMH# 352

*(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 18: 1-8 (NRSV) N.T. p. 76

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:** “The Parable of the Unjust Judge” Rev. Dr. David Calhoun

**Invitation to Offering:**

Your offering last week empowered ministry within our congregation and in response to the needs of our community, and around the world. I invite you to give generously, as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

**Offertory:** “Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord” Words: E. Hodder set. D. Forrest