

Offertory: "Open Thou Mine Eyes" B. Harlan

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return what is yours. You created all that is, and with that love formed us in your image. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so in gratitude we offer ourselves and all that we have. Amen.

***Hymn:** "The Voice of God is Calling" UMH# 436

Benediction

Postlude: "A Short Fugue" G. P. Telemann arr. L. D Bye



We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Eulalia and Pauline, from Judy Chmura.

Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship: Katherine Lovell and volunteers

Liturgist: Holly Joy Pearson

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

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



Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Vonda Brandl (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, Bob R, 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.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

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

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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.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Meditation:

“The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter their life by altering their attitudes of mind.” – William James (1842-1910)

Prelude: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” 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: “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

*Call to Worship: (Discipleship Ministries)

One: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

Many: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

One: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

Many: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

One: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

Many: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

One: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

Many: We are here to worship with all that we are.

***Hymn:** “Morning Has Broken” UMH# 145

*Prayer of Confession:

**First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people.
We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them.
We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them.
We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.
Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness.
Make us well, so that by our healing,
we might be the hope and love others need in their lives,
even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us,
calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.**

Silence is kept

*Words of Assurance and Pardon: (Written by Thom Shuman/Lectionary Liturgies)

One: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

We are God's beloved children,
and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven!

Many: Amen.

Special Music: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” J. Rutter

*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.

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** “There is a Balm in Gilead” UMH# 375
(Bible Story Time resumes today. Chapel Kids resumes next Sunday, September 25.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 16: 1-13 N.T. p.74

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: “Dependability and Trustworthiness” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Invitation to Offering:

Holy God, source of all things, you have blessed your children at times we have denied our giftedness and dismissed the impact our gifts can have. As we ask you to dedicate our tithes and offerings today, we remind ourselves that you seek not that we open our wallets but open our hearts and our whole being to the work of making your love and compassion the norm, not the exception in this world. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.