

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Offertory: “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone” Traditional, C. Tomlin

***Holy Communion:** See insert

Music During Communion

***Hymn:** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH# 377

Benediction:

Postlude: “In Thee Is Gladness” H. Rohlig

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Altar Flowers: In memory of Crista (P) M from her husband, Jim.

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Communion Stewards: Shonali Bhajjan, Holly Blair, Beverly Ratte, Tina Warren

Fellowship Hour: The Missions Committee

Liturgist: Berney Bhajjan

Soloist: Cecilia Sheehan

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Ian Smythe, Judy Wing

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

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget’s brother), Marilyn Ci, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt’s mother), Dominick E, Courtney H (Sheila W’s daughter), Blair J (Brenda L’s grandson), Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine’s sister-in-law), Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Christopher S, Lynn T, Mary (T) Grocott (Nate T’s sister & Camille’s sister-in-law), Alison (Allie) W, Andrew W (Phyllis T’s nephew), our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

*We worship using the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH), and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service. Nursery care is available downstairs for children ages birth- 3 years. *Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.”
– William James (1842-1910)

Prelude: “Above All” M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: In a world of unbelief, we set aside this time to connect with faith.

Many: We come carrying worries and fears, losses and dreams;

One: Ready that we may open our hearts to God’s grace.

Many: We come bearing the stresses of our week and conflicting concerns;

One: Ready that we may open our minds to God’s word.

Many: We come feeling overwhelmed and unsure of ourselves, with too much to manage and too little hope;

One: Ready that we might open our lives to God’s Spirit.

Many: We come as we are, to be embraced as we are, by God’s eternal love.

***Hymn:** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” UMH# 158

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saint like – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfishness, and meanness. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Praise be to God. Amen!**

Special Music: “You Say” L. Daigle

*Passing the Peace of Christ

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT’S WORD TO US

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:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” UMH# 474

Scripture: Mark 6: 1-6 N.T. p. 38

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Labor Day” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

Empowering God, Your love touches our lives in many different ways, through the varied talents and diverse interests you have blessed us with. Your love guides our lives in many different ways, along the varied paths we travel and the individual choices we make. In gratitude and reverence, we offer the fruit of your love — the gifts of what we have and who we are — for use in your service. Inspire us, exactly where we are today, to see the needs of those around us. Work through us, just as we are today, to heal your broken world. **Amen.**