

Offertory: "Come to Me" D. Forrest

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

O loving God, we give thanks to you for the love you have for us. These offerings are one sign of our gratitude and our love for you. May we also demonstrate our thanks by loving one another, even when it is hard to do. In the Spirit of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS# 2223

Benediction

Postlude: "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor" J.S. Bach

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In memory of the 82nd birthday of Rev. Philip L, from his daughter, Ellen.

Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour: The Stewardship & Finance Committee & Volunteers

Liturgist: Andrew Berke

Soloist: Holly Joy Pearson

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 C, 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 (LaPierre) P, Catherine Ann R, Christopher S, Lynn T, Mary (Twining) G (Nate Twining'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.

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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.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

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

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost/New Member's Sunday

August 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

"If we suffer in the suffering of others and feel happy in the happiness of others, we are loving God." – Meher Baba

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

*Welcome. We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. Please fill out our Friendship Pad, located at the end of your pew, so we can get to know you. Prayer cards are also available in the pew pockets. If you would like to have your prayer shared, please place it on the offering plate. All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m. 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.*

Prelude: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN set W. Held

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: Great Spirit of God, you have healed our wounds.

Many: You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.

One: You have blessed our life so that we might be a blessing to others.

Many: Let us worship you in great joy.

One: Let us remember the ways you have turned our mourning into dancing.

Many: Let us give thanks to you forever. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH# 127

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, the anchor of memory is frayed, and we lose hold of your blessings. We forget the tender embrace that freed our tears and cleared our vision, the first words of love that softened our hearts, and the promise made to follow closely in Jesus' footsteps. Without the precious memories of your love, we grasp after any promised glory and quick joy, holding on long after the moment disappears. Loving God, remind us again of your constant love and your promise to walk with us everyday. Give us the wisdom and the patience to turn to you. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:

We have not been called to this hour of worship to wallow in sin and self-pity. God has promised to forgive our sins when we confess them and to cleanse us from all manner of unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Rise from your knees as children of God, forgiven from sin and empowered to lead holy lives. **Amen, thanks be to God!**

Special Music: "Make a Joyful Noise" M. Hayes

*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:** "My Life Flows On" TFWS# 2212

Scripture: John 21: 15-19 N.T. pp. 109-110

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Three Simple Rules - Stay in Love With God" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Reception of New Members

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

God of love and compassion, as we gather our offering for today, we ask you to dedicate the tithes and offerings we bring to worship. We do this in the hope that you will do more with them than we could ever do on our own to heal the brokenness and division in our world. **Amen.**