

**Offertory:** “Shepherd Me, O God” M. Haugen arr. M. Hayes

**\*Doxology:** UMH# 94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

O loving God, we give thanks to you for the love you have for us. These offerings represent our gratitude. 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:** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH# 133

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Tocatta in E minor” J. Pachelbel

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

**Altar Flowers:** In honor of Trinity Staff members & all their hard work, from Diane & Jim Mackie.

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Hathaway

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Chancel Art:** Nicole Baker

**Fellowship Hour:** The Stewardship & Finance Committee & Volunteers

**Liturgist:** Don Evans

**Soloist:** David Snyder

**Ushers:** Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland

**Video Team:** Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & 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), 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) G (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.

# Trinity United Methodist Church

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*Minister, Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun*

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*Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern*

*District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe*

*Bishop, Peggy A. Johnson*



*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

## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 13, 2023

10:30 a.m.

### Meditation:

“The possibility of encountering one’s reality—learning about one’s self—can be frightening and frustrating. Many people expect to discover the *worst*. A hidden fear lies in the fact that they may also discover the best.”  
~ Muriel James

### 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:** “Prelude in C Major” J. S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship:

One: Beloved God, you create a space for us to discover your love.

**Many: Trees to stretch our eyes to the heavens;**

One: Flowers to see the beauty within;

**Many: Waves to hear the constant flow of grace;**

One: Grass, to dance in barefoot delight;

**Many: Stars, to carry us into awe;**

One: Each other, to live into the blessings;

**Many: And to make music of praise.**

**\*Hymn:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH# 154

#### \*Prayer of Confession:

Ever-giving God, we have cheaply used what you have given us. We have held in our hands, high and holy opportunities only to carelessly use them to cast them aside. We have hurried through days that were pregnant with possibility, yet we failed to “turn aside and see.” We have sometimes trod on the hopes of others, stepping on another’s growth in faithfulness. We have hoarded the goods of creation when simplicity and sharing were the faithful responses. Forgive us for handling the pearls of grace and love with clumsy fingers. Create in us a clean heart, place our feet on holy ground and set us on the right path. Amen.

#### \*Words of Assurance:

Leader: Beloved, hear the exciting news of God’s love for us. If we confess our pride and self-centeredness, God will forgive us. If we want to change, God has a plan for our lives. If we serve God with our whole selves, our names will be written in heaven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** “Wade in the Water” Traditional Spiritual

#### \*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:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH# 384

**Scripture:** Galatians 5: 13-26 (The Message)

#### Response to the Word:

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

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “Three Simple Rules” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

### RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

#### Invitation to Offering:

Gracious and Loving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly. Forgive us when we fall short of your desire, and help us to be the best that we can be. We give thanks and we offer these gifts in the Holy name of Jesus. **Amen.**