

Offertory: "This is the Air I Breathe" M. Smith
Please join in singing during the final refrain
And I'm, I'm desperate for You.
And I'm, I'm lost without You.
I'm lost without You. I'm lost without You.
I'm desperate for You.

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**
God who is alive and moving in this world. We offer these gifts to your service. May they propel us to take action in this world and follow the movement of your missional love. We pray this in the name of the one who is making all things new. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH# 723

Benediction:

Postlude: "Lord of the Dance" Shaker melody arr. M. Hayes

We thank those who participated in today's service:
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of her parents, K. Gordon & Beverly S, from Kristin G
Altar Guild: Chad Thompson
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Chancel Art: Nicole Baker
Fellowship Hour: The Stewardship & Finance Committee & Volunteers
Liturgist: Lisa Everett
Soloist: Teri LaFleur
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

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 (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Christopher S, Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T's sister & Camille's sister-in-law), Alison (Allie) Ws, 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

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can.”

– John Wesley (1703-1791)

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: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” KINGSFOLD arr. D. Wood

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:** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” UMH# 147

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

Special Music: “Hope Now” R. Gregg

*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:** “O Christ, the Healer” UMH# 265

Scripture: Mark 3: 1-6 (NRSV) N.T. p. 35

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Three Simple Rules - Do Good” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

Creator and architect of the universe, we want to believe that your love for us means you will go before us on life’s path and clear the way, making it easy to travel, but our experience doesn’t always bear that out. We know you see a bigger picture than we do. As we bring you our offerings this day, we affirm your presence with us in the pits of despair as well as in the palaces of plenty. We give with gratitude, in Christ’s holy name. **Amen.**