

Offertory: "Deep River" spiritual
arr. M. Hogan

***Holy Communion:** See insert

Music During Communion

***Hymn:** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH# 664

Benediction:

Postlude: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" J. Neander
(Lobe den Herren) arr. J. Leavitt

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In memory of Bob G on his birthday, from his wife, Ann.

Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour: The Stewardship & Finance Committee & Volunteers

Liturgist: Ellen Lutz

Organ/piano: Vera Baker

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott,
Deb Garth, David Jenney

Vocal Soloist: Sam Foresta

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

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), the D family, 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), the M family, 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.

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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

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost / Communion Sunday

August 6, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm.” – Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

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: "Amazing Grace" J. Newton
arr. C. Pardini

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

One: Welcome to worship this day.

Many: Thank you. We’re glad to be here.

One: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling

Many: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

One: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

Many: Praise be to God who continually abides with us. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH #103

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you “pick us up and dust us off” and put us again on the trail, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:** Ministry Matters Resources
Feel God’s healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you. This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel. **Amen.**

Special Music: "You Raise Me Up" R. Lovland/B Graham

***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:** “Be Thou My Vision” UMH# 451

Scripture: Matthew 14: 13-21 (NRSV) N.T. p. 15

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Fishes and Loaves” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

In gratitude for all that we have received from you, O Lord, we offer our tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church in this world which hungers and thirsts for love and peace. **Amen.**