

Offertory: "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" T. Dorsey arr. J. Raney
***Holy Communion:** See insert
***Hymn:** "America the Beautiful" UMH# 696
Benediction
Postlude: "America the Beautiful" MATERNA set. E. Whitsett

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Guild: Chad Thompson & Shonali Bhajjan
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Chancel Art: Nicole Baker
Fellowship Hour: Lemonade & cookies on the front lawn and/or get a coffee/tea in the café
Liturgist: Fred Lewis
Soloist: Regina Krawiec
Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, Holly Blair, Ray Miller
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 Thompson'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), Ann M, Dorothy M, 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 men, women 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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost / Communion Sunday

July 2, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“If you see injustice and say nothing, you have taken the side of the oppressor.”
-- Desmond Tutu, South African Anglican Bishop

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE A TIME FOR GATHERING & 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: “Draw Me Close” K. Carpenter arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

One: The bread of Life,

Many: Gift of the sun, blessed by the rain.

One: The bread of Life,

Many: Warmed in mother earth, shaped by loving hands.

One: The bread of Life,

Many: Broken that we might be made whole, shared that we might be one.

One: The bread of Life,

Many: Rising in us, linking us to heaven.

One: The bread of Life,

Many: For us and our salvation. Alleluia.

***Hymn:** “All Creatures of our God and King” (vv. 1-4) UMH# 62

***Prayer of Confession:**

Patient and persistent God, your love for us is everlasting and gentle. We need reminders of your uplifting grace because we so often stumble. We hold on to old patterns even when they weave tension and disagreement. We blindly push our way and wonder why others lag behind. The short-term good we try to do can create long-term problems. Some days, nothing seems to go right. Let your patient and persistent love hold us tenderly so we may learn to wait for your whisper and follow your pathway. Ease our white-knuckled grip on having to be in charge, and take our hand and lead us in the way of peace. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:**

One: Hear these our prayers, O Lord, and my people remember that you are created in the image of God. Remember that God’s Spirit surrounds you. Know that if you are serious when you confess your sin, God is serious about forgiving you and reorienting your life toward a new future filled with hope. **Amen.**

Special Music: “I Feel the Spirit Moving” Spiritual arr. 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:** “This Is My Song” UMH# 437

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5: 13-15 (The Message Translation)

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

Generous, giving God: the gifts we present this day are supposed to represent the best of our discipleship. Why then do we hide what we give, and why do we worry about who might know? Grant us the boldness we need to move out of the dark and proclaim our decision to be Christ’s disciples to all, to shout it from the rooftops. May we speak to those we know and even to strangers of the love of Jesus without fear. May the way we live our lives be a proclamation of our decision to follow Christ! In His holy name, we pray. **Amen.**