

Offertory: "Meditation from Thais" J. Massenet

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

God, we seek to follow you and to imitate the life of Jesus. May these gifts we share be one sign of our desire to do so. Where you lead us, Lord help us to follow. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "The Voice of God Is Calling" UMH# 436

Benediction

Postlude: "St. Laurence Fanfare" J.G. Bateman

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In memory of Ruth T H, from her daughter Jan and family.

Altar Guild: Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism Committee & volunteers

Flute/Violin: Lynette and Aisla Varnon

Liturgist: David Snyder

Organ/Piano: Vera Baker

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, David Jenney, 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 T's sister), Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Dominick E, C Hyatt (Sheila Womble'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) 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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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: “Lauda Anima/Hyfrydol” arr. J. Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

One: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

Many: We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus’ call.

One: Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

Many : Lord, help us hear your voice.

One: Come, place your trust in Jesus.

Many: Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” UMH# 89

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves you call to us to place our trust in you. That’s not so easy for us. We are so used to getting lots of reassurances and written guarantees of safety. But still you call to us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:**

Don’t be afraid. Jesus is with you at all times. You are healed, forgiven, and loved. Come and live in the love of the Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music: “Lord of the Dance” S. Carter/ J. Raney

***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:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS# 2158

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33 (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: “Navigating the Waves” 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, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. For all this, we give thanks and we offer these gifts in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.**