

# Trinity United Methodist Church

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**Offertory:** “Why We Sing” G. Gilpin

**\*Doxology:** UMH# 94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Gracious and Loving God, we present these gifts and offerings as a way of saying “yes” to the prompting of your Holy Spirit. We do so in order to not miss an opportunity to align our hearts with yours. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” UMH# 68

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Now Thank We All Our God” S. Karg-Elert

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

**Accompanists:** Vera Baker & Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Charlie, Henry & Julia Gray

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of dad & mom, from Judy C.

**Altar Guild:** Shonali Bhajjan

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Chancel Art:** Nicole Baker

**Fellowship Hour today:** Our Music Director ordered pizza & cake to celebrate the choirs.

**Liturgist:** Bob McKeown

**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), the family & friends of Leslie D, 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), Matthew M (Jan M’s grandson), 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 men, women and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



*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

## Second Sunday After Pentecost & Choir Sunday

June 11, 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:** "Fantasia on Hyfrydol And Diademata" arr. M. Hayes

### Welcome and Announcements

**Introit:** "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

**\*Call to Worship:** --Written by Rev. Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries.

One: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**Many: Come! Now is the time to worship!**

One: We gather today as people God calls to go and share the good news.

**Many: We gather as God's sent-out people.**

One: We gather to listen and share God's work in our lives, our families, and our neighborhoods.

**Many: We proclaim the goodness of God's love together.**

One: We gather to respond to God's grace as we continue on the path of discipleship.

**Many: We hear God's call and learn to say "yes" to God together.**

One: We gather to again hear God's call to "Go!" as God commissions us to love God and neighbor in everything that we do.

**Many: We go knowing that as God's called, gathered, and sent-out people, we are not alone as we carry the weight of God's call into the world together. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" UMH #378 (vv. 1, 2, 3, & 6)

### Special Recognition

**An Offering of Movement & Dance:** "Season of Joy" Ludwig van Beethoven / arr. M. Warren  
*Trinity Dance/Movement Choir*

### \*Prayer of Confession:

God who loves us and calls us, we confess that we are not always open to receiving your call on our lives. We make excuses. We choose not to listen. We believe that others would do it better than we can. Forgive us for all the times we say no--or nothing at all—to your call. We confess that we value the false certainty of our own path over the uncertainty of journeying with you and one another on the path of discipleship.

Forgive us for all the ways we choose what we think we know over joining you in the holy unknown. We confess that we value the calls of some over others, putting the paths of some up on pedestals while not recognizing the many who answer your call as quiet, behind-the-scenes disciples.

Forgive us for neglecting the beautiful and varied calls you place on each of our lives. Forgive us, God, and free us to joyfully bear the weight of your call on our lives as members together of the Body of Christ, redeemed and united by your love. **Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance:** -- Written by Rev. Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

God hears our prayers, and desires the very best for us. God forgives our shortcomings, and renews our lives. Praise be to God; we are forgiven people indeed! **Amen.**

**Special Music:** "Shine On Me" R. Dilworth

### \*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:** "The Summons" TFWS #2130

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 9: 9-13 (NRSV) N.T. p.8

#### Response to the Word:

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

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "Follow Me, and by the Way, it Will Require Change." Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

### RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

#### Invitation to Offering:

God of eternity and God of the next moment: we offer our gifts today having heard your call through Jesus to follow. Remind us again this day that being a follower doesn't end at the offering plate. There is a weight to this call – one that demands we not only say "yes" to following but that we also say "no" to thousands of things that will lead us away from the discipleship path. Guide us that we might not wander off that road. In Christ, we pray. **Amen.**