

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Offertory: “Your Grace Is Enough” F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

God, these gifts are a sign of our gratitude and a sign of our trust in You. May we continue to trust and live with courage. So Your will be done through us – and on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.

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

Benediction

Postlude: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” SALZBURG arr. D.N. Johnson

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Altar Flowers: In memory of Edward & Arline B, from Jess & Barbara H.

Altar Guild: Chad Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism Committee & volunteers

Liturgist: Nicole Smith

Soloist: Merrill Shepard

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, Judy Wing

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, 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

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 18, 2023

10:30 a.m.

“The power for creating a better future is contained in the present moment; you create a good future by creating a good present.” – Eckhart Tolle

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: “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE arr. D. Wood

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** --Written by Rev. Dr. Dean Bright Discipleship Ministries

One: Praise be to God who is unchanging!

Many: Thanks be to God who is continually creating newness and hope.

One: Each day we are greeted by new opportunities and challenges.

Many: Each day we are given courage and strength to accomplish God’s tasks.

One: Let all God’s people shout praises to the heavens!

Many: Great is our God and greatly to be praised! AMEN.

***Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH# 577

***Prayer of Confession:**

Merciful God, we come before you this day as those who are often afraid to confess all the many ways in which we have disappointed and betrayed You. You have given us continual opportunities to serve and love others, but we have withdrawn into lives of selfishness and greed. We have turned our backs on others in need. We have denied the gifts you have given us. Where can we turn now that we have run from You? Your voice calls to us to come home, to come to you unafraid, to receive forgiveness and healing. Open our hearts this day to receive these magnificent blessings. Help us understand the many ways in which You love us, and help us share that love with all those whom we meet. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:**

Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. We are beloved of God and recipients of God’s love and blessings. Rejoice, children of God! For God’s mercies are ever before us. **Amen.**

Special Music: “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord” K. Medema, L. Larson

***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:** “Wonderful Words of Life” UMH# 600

Scripture Reading: Luke 21: 5-19 (NRSV) N.T. p. 80

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Actions Speak Louder Than Words” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

The world is a mess. What can we do? We can offer our visions of hope, our words of comfort, our acts of love, our resources to help bring God’s new heaven and new earth. **Amen.**