

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Offertory: "The Gospel of Grace" arr. M. Hayes

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Oh Loving God, we place these gifts upon your altar, and we ask for a special blessing upon these gifts and upon those who gave them. May they be acceptable unto you, and may these gifts promote your work on this earth. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "Marching to Zion" UMH# 733

Benediction

Postlude: "Morning Song" arr. George Shearing

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Vera Baker

Altar Guild: Deb Garth

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism Committee & volunteers

Liturgist: Hannah Rosenman

Soloists: Devon Bakum and Kathy Mague

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), 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

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation: “There is overwhelming evidence that the higher the level of self-esteem, the more likely one will treat others with respect, kindness, and generosity. People who do not experience self-love have little or no capacity to love others.” -- Nathaniel Branden

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: "Rhosymedre" by R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

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

One: Life that is really life!

Many: Comes from the One we trust.

One: Life that is really life!

Many: Comes from the Presence we call to.

One: Life that is really life!

Many: Comes from the Foundation of goodness and sharing.

One: Life that is really life!

Many: Comes to us now in this moment.

One: Let us take hold of Life that is really Life!

***Hymn:** “Morning Has Broken” UMH# 145

***Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray—when we don’t see or recognize your gifts for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg you for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others. As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:**

People of God do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on the richness of God, who provides us everything for our enjoyment. Be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

Special Music: “Laudamus Te” (We Praise Thee Lord) A. Vivaldi

***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:** “Help Us Accept Each Other” UMH# 560

Scripture Reading: Luke 16: 19-31 (NRSV) N.T. p. 75

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Inclusive and Exclusive” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

O Loving God, thank you for this opportunity to share our gifts. Inspire us today to look realistically at the abundance we have, and the needs of the world around us. Inspire us so we might take daily steps to move more in line with the reality of standing out from the crowd and standing up as true disciples – followers of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**