

**\*Holy Communion:** UMH# p.13  
**Music During Communion:** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” S. Temple  
**\*Hymn:** “Together We Serve” UMH #2175  
**Benediction:**  
**Postlude:** “Elijah Rock” Spiritual arr. B. Tucker

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

**We welcome Rev. Dr. Hope Luckie, from the Preacher’s Aid Society to the pulpit today.**

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Adeline & Anja Berke, Felix Everett

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of David Baker, from his family.

**Altar Guild:** Chad & Phyllis Thompson

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Chancel Art:** Nicole Baker

**Fellowship Hour this Month:** Membership & Evangelism Committee Members & volunteers.

**Liturgist:** Melissa Butcher

**Soloist:** Teri LaFleur

**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), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), 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.

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*Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern*

*District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe*

*Bishop, Peggy A. Johnson*



*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

Communion / New Members Sunday

June 4, 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:** “Excerpt from *Alleluia*” W. A. Mozart arr. S. Eithun  
“Standin’ In the Need of Prayer” K. McChesney

Welcome and Announcements

**Introit:** “This Little Light of Mine”

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: God whispers your name. Come and worship.

**Many: All of us, young and not so young, sister, brother, friend.**

One: Again and again. Come and worship.

**Many: All of us. The proud and the strong, the lost and the searching, the joyous and the sad.**

One: Here in this place, the light is shining, joy is brimming and God is beckoning, Come and worship.

**Many: All of us. Here and now!**

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

Special Recognition

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

**Redeeming God, you made us to praise you, to sing your glory in the marvels of the world. Yet, so often we find our mouths filled with complaints. We complain about other drivers, teachers, friends, relatives, neighbors, roads – and the list goes on and on. Forgive us for any unfaithfulness to your high calling. Holy God, restore our perspective, and fill our hearts, our love and our voices with praise. In the saving name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance:**

One: Beloved, hear the exciting news of God’s love for us. If we confess our pride and self-centeredness, God will forgive us. If we want to change, God has a plan for our lives. If we serve God with our whole selves, our names will be written in heaven.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** “Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear” T. Trenney

**\*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 Gift of Love” UMH #408

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 2: 1-12 (NRSV) N.T. p. 1-2

**Response to the Word:**

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

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “We Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends.” Rev. Dr. Hope Luckie

Reception of New Members

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

**Invitation to Offering:**

Gracious God, author of life and Source of our livelihood, we offer you alone our thanks and praise. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives each and every day. Bless these gifts that we are about to give, and the spirit they are given in. **Amen.**

**Offertory:** “Kyrie” G. Gilpin