

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** -- Written Rev. LaGreta Bjorn

Dear Lord, out of Your great love for us You have provided for our needs. There is food for our tables, clothes to cover us, a roof over our heads and someone to love us. For these gifts we are grateful. Bless now, our tithes and offerings, we ask, so that they may be used to make disciples for Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” “Tune: HYFRYDOL” UMH# 384

Benediction:

Closing Response: *Shalom Chaverim* (“We Go Now in Peace”) arr. S. Pethel

Postlude: “Joy” by G. Winston

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Arianna Bhajjan, Raizel Bhajjan, Felix Everett

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Bob G, from his wife, Ann and family.

Altar Guild: Chad Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour this Month: Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Members/Volunteers

Flute Trio: Janet Dixon-Metcalf, Lynette Varnon, Kyle LaFleur

Liturgist: Mark Wing

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, Clayton Calhoun, Hope & Fred Lewis, Margo Sweetland

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), 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), Ann M, Matthew M (Jan M's grandson), Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, 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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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother.” --Oprah Winfrey

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: “Arabesque No. 1” C. Debussy arr. R. Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: “If Ye Love Me” T. Tallis

*Call to Worship:

One: God is waiting for us.

Many: With a tender heart and a searching question.

One: God is ready for us.

Many: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.

One: God is blessing us.

Many: With springs of living water.

One: God is sending us.

Many: To sing, pray, and witness every day.

One: God is here.

Many: Let the conversation begin.

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

*Prayer of Confession:

Many: Holy God, gentle Father and Mother, we rejoice that you have made us in love and for love. You placed in us a desire for companionship and trusted us to form holy and lasting relationships. Yet we confess our errors and our struggles. Worry has replaced joy. Busyness has deadened romance. Calendars have replaced spontaneity. Fear has kept intimacy from deepening. Forgive us, tender God, when we have sought to remake others to fit our needs, or spoken the hasty word and flung the hurtful dart. Holy God, refashion us in love and for love so all our relationships are marked with love, joy, and peace. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:

God’s love dries our tears; God’s forgiveness picks us up; God’s peace embraces us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **Amen.**

Special Music: “With a Voice of Singing” M. Shaw

*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:** “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” TFWS# 2051
(Children 4-6 years old are invited to Bible Story Time downstairs. Chapel Kids for 7-12 year olds are invited to Grace Chapel. Parents are asked to escort their children and pick them up. Thank you.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 39 - 50 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 55-56

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Troubled Hearts” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: --Discipleship Ministries

God of abundance, bless the gifts that we bring, and we pray that they are pleasing to you. We ask that our church, like a mother to her children, can fulfill the basic needs of those you bring our way. Bless these gifts that they may bring blessings to those they touch. **Amen.**

Offertory: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Irish Tune arr. M. Wilberg