

Offertory: "Deep River" J. Rutter
Holly Joy Pearson, soloist

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** --Written Rev. David Bell

God, we offer these gifts out of a deep sense of gratitude for your goodness. The Holy Spirit is with us wherever we are. All we have needed; your hand has provided. May these gifts, tithes and offerings be used for your eternal purposes. Blessed be your name! **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "O God of Every Nation" UMH# 435

Benediction:

Postlude: "America the Beautiful" S. Ward arr. B. Garee
(Please remain seated during the postlude.)

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Felix, Fiona and Meriel Everett

Altar Flowers: In memory of their parents, Dorothy & Irving Hathaway and Mary & Charles Gray, from Beverly & Charles Gray.

Flowers in the Chancel area last week: In memory of Leon Bailey, from Southcom/J35

Altar Guild: Deb Garth

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

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

Liturgist: Cyndi LeDoux

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Lisa Bakowski, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth, Dave Jenney

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 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: "Morning Song" B. B. Kinyon
Trinity Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*Call to Worship:

One: Silently waiting, expectantly hoping.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One: Persistently watching, continually praying.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One: Gathering in one place, hearts open and spirits ready.

Many: Come Holy Spirit, Come!

One: Dove light and flame bright.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One: Singing and dancing, preaching, and praying.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

***Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH# 577

*Prayer of Confession:

Many: God of power and might, release in us your Spirit's sacred gifts, that we may be equipped for every good work within your will. Within this congregation, empower us with every skill and resource we need to accomplish the purpose you have for us. Grant us the gift of faith, that we may dare to begin what you call us to do, confident that you will generate the resources necessary to fulfill the vision. Grant us the gift of hope, that we may provide a strong and confident witness to this community. Above all, grant us love, that we may be unified as one in this life and united with all your faithful people in the life to come. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:

One: Who is in a position to condemn . . . only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead, and ascended on high for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

Special Music: "Here I Am, Lord" D. Schutte arr. A. Sherman
Trinity Festival Choir

*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:** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" TFWS# 2238
(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: Acts 2: 1-21 (NRSV) N.T. p. 111

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "A Front Row Faith " Rob Powell

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: -- Discipleship Ministries

O Gentle Spirit, on this Pentecost Sunday we make our offering to you. We are grateful for those who have gone before us and carried the tradition of the Holy Spirit forward. Bless the gifts we are about to give and the spirit they were given in. **Amen.**