

Trinity United Methodist Church

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*Holy Communion:		See insert
Music During Communion:	“Eat This Bread”	UMH#628
*Hymn:	“The Voice of God Is Calling”	UMH# 436
Benediction		
Postlude:	“Agincourt Hymn”	J. Dunstable

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Acolytes: Adeline Berke, Anja Berke, Mason Hedeon

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of her mother, Marilyn M, from Deb M.

Altar Ministry: Deb Garth and Kathy Hathaway

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Communion Stewards: Judy Wing, Holly Blair, Deb Marden, Jacki Barden

Fellowship Hour: The Trustees

Liturgist: Camille Twining

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

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Joy:

Bob & Sara M celebrate the birth of a new grandson: Henry W. M, born 9/21/23.

Please Pray for:

Mary A, Borys B, James B (Bridget’s brother), Marilyn Ci, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt’s mother), Dominick E, Jo Anne E, Courtney H (Sheila W’s daughter), Blair J (Brenda Lopez’s grandson), Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine’s sister-in-law), 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), Gayle W T (Norma W’s sister), Alison (Allie) W, The W & T families upon the death of Andrew W, whom we have been praying for, our service members 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

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

*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.*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“Whenever you’re in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude.” – Willam James

Prelude: “Love is Flowing” D. Sims arr. J. Purifoy

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: “Taste and See” J. E. Moore

*Call to Worship:

One: Jesus has called us here today.

Many: We are here, although for some of us it was not an easy choice.

One: Often what we say and do are very different.

Many: Help us follow God’s will, not with lip service, but with true humility.

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

Many: Now is the time of healing, restoration, and hope. Amen.

***Hymn:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vv. 1,2 & 4) UMH# 154

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love. Amen.

*Words of Assurance:

One: God knows our hearts and our spirits. God sees our struggles and forgives our weakness. Know that it is in God’s healing love that you live and move and have your being. Rejoice, for God is with you always. **Amen.**

Special Music: “Good News in the Kingdom”

D. Moore

*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: Matthew 21: 23-32 N.T. p. 22

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “By What Authority?” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:

Holy God of infinite patience and grace, we bring our offerings today knowing that our actions too often don’t live up to our intentions and aspirations. When calling ourselves Christians, we announce ourselves as followers of Christ, knowing how many times our choices have made us unrecognizable as his disciples. Yet you wait patiently for us to find our way back to the path. May our giving this day and our living reflect our desire to be on the path that would be recognized as faithful to the Savior, in whose blessed name we pray. **Amen.**

Offertory: “My Faith, My Hope” G. Walker