
We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Greta Breglio-Redman, from her husband, Scott & their daughters, Isabelle & Emma.

Altar Guild: Lisa Foster

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee & Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Felix Everett

Trio: Caroline Andros, Brittany-Ann Fox, Caitlin Odell

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Lisa Foster, Deb Garth

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, and Nic Odell

Bishop's Day in the Commonwealth West District - August 21, 4:00 p.m.

Join us as Trinity United Methodist Church hosts Bishop Devadhar's day in the district on Saturday, August 21 at 4 p. m. This is a time for all clergy and laity of the district to share challenges, joys, and questions. The district will also be hosting another Bishop's day on the District Thursday evening, October 21 at the Charlton City United Methodist Church.

Mark Your Calendars for Trinity Sunday

Sunday, September 12, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., when we gather together on the front lawn for food, fellowship, and fun. As the summer months' fly by, September is just around the corner - and with it, the Membership and Evangelism Committee is already planning this year's Trinity Sunday & Block Party celebration. There will be music, games for the children (and the young at heart), delicious food, and a drawing every half-hour for a free pie.

We are looking for volunteers. If you want to help or have questions on what you could do to make this a great event, please stop by the Connection Point table after worship in Asbury Hall or feel free to contact Wendy Regan.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 15, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able ** See words to the right

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision” Traditional
arr. D. Wood

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** **

***Hymn:** “Close to Thee” UMH #407

Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer: **

Special Music: “The Gift of Love” Traditional
arr. H. Hopson

Children’s Moment

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 (NRSV) O.T. pp.290 & 292

Sermon: “Listening With the Heart”

Invitation to the Offering: **

Offertory: “Oh How He Loves You and Me” K. Kaiser

***Doxology:** UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** **

***Hymn:** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” UMH #500

Benediction:

Postlude: “Prelude in C Major” J.S. Bach

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation’s Part.**

Call to Worship: (*Jane O. Sorenson, modified*)

L: Let us draw near to God for truth, that we might see clearly and that we might understand.

P: We draw near to God for comfort, that we might be sustained and that we might be understood.

L: Let us draw near to God for wisdom, that we might be reminded that our ways are not God’s ways and that we can change.

P: We draw near to God with humble hearts, ready to worship, ready to listen, ready to be changed.

Opening Prayer: (*Rebecca Gaudino, modified*)

Close to thee, O God, let us walk with thee. You are the source of all understanding, and we ask that as we draw near to you, you draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither; and teach us that true life is found in loving you by serving others. Amen.

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.

Invitation to Offering: (*UCC, Worship Ways Resources*)

God’s wisdom turns the wisdom of the world upside down. God calls us to unexpected and extravagant opportunities to grow in our gifts and in our faith. Holding things close in fear distracts us from the path of discipleship, but trusting in God and in God’s future leads us to great generosity and joy. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (*Glen E. Rainsley*)

O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a more open people, open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call for charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.